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Blessing of the Animals

Each year on October 4, World Animal Day celebrates the important contribution animals make to society. On this very special day, we acknowledge and give thanks for the ways animals enrich our lives, their relationships to humankind and the diverse roles they play.

The date for World Animal Day was originally selected due to its recognition as the Feast Day of Francis of Assisi, a nature lover and patron saint of animals and the environment. Son of a wealthy cloth merchant, St Francis surrendered all his worldly possession in 1206, and founded the Franciscan order. He loved all God's creatures, and called animals his brothers and sisters. It is this love and respect which is celebrated on his Feast Day.

Today however, World Animal Day is celebrated by animal-lovers of all beliefs, nationalities and backgrounds. It is a significant day for all creatures. RSPCA believes World Animal Day as an opportunity to build community and awareness of the issues facing animals, provide

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opportunities for education and exploration of self awareness and, generally celebrate all animals.

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The Sunday closest to World Animal Day traditionally observes a blessing of the animals, and is a simple way you can show your support.

Discuss the importance of animals in society, the significance of World Animal Day and what this means to children. Then colour the Paw

Pledge and make to a pledge. Pledges are personal and should mean something to you. Here are a few examples:

I pledge to treat all animals with care and respect

I pledge to make sure my dog always has food, water & shelter

I pledge to encourage people to not use fur products

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