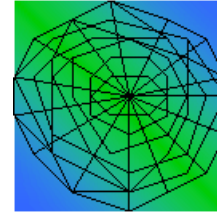


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World Animal Day

**World Animal day is
on the 4th October. If
you haven't already**

**got involved it's not
to late to do so.
World Animal Day
began in 1931 it was
a means of stressing
the importance
of endangered
species. But it
has become more
than that now.
It celebrates all
animal life,
humans relationship
with animals, how**

**they help and support
us as well as being
our companions.
Saint Francis of Assisi
is the patron saint
of animals and his
feast day is the
4th October. So it is
an appropriate day
to have it on.
World Animal Day
was launched in the UK
in 2003.
In India a few years**

**ago they celebrated
the day by having
a procession and
children wore
animal masks. In
Jordan they**



**vaccinated dogs
to protect them
against rabies. It
showed how important
it was to be a
responsible dog owner.
In Cambodia they held**

**a competition in
animal art.**

**World Animal Day is
a good example
of showing how vital it
is to care
for animals. They can
also help us
through difficult
times. People who
have an animal as a
pet are happier,
healthier and
more relaxed.**

**You can
celebrate individually,
in school or in the
work place. The web
site has lots of ideas
of ways you
can celebrate. In
the kidszone they
have things like making
a toy for your cat,
hamster or
gerbil. Decorating a**

bowl for your



cat



**or dog. Making a
bird cake for the
wildlife in your
garden. you can make
a toy aquarium or
send cards to your
friends and family
wishing them a
happy day. The web
site tells you how you
can make each thing.
It also suggests
just taking your dog for**

**a good walk and
having fun with it.
My favourite though
was adopting a
lion unfortunately
this doesn't mean
owning the lion
although it is
probably just as well.
But you can sponsor
a lion you pay in a
small sum every year
in return you will
receive photos**

**and updates about it.
It doesn't have to be a
lion it could be
another animal such as
a bear, rhino or a
dolphin. There are
all sorts of things you
can do for world
animal day for
more details visit
[www. worldanimalday.
org.uk](http://www.worldanimalday.org.uk)**

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