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PHILIPSBURG— A request by
Minister of Finance Frank
Minga to the Daily Herald
to investigate other aspects of
financial agreements made
between the Central Government
and the Island Government, was

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PHILIPSBURG--St. Maarten Animal Welfare Foundation has organised a two-day sale to mark World Animal Day this weekend. Proceeds from the sale will be used to the foundation's long running sterilization campaign.

Volunteers have a booth at the entrance of Le Grand Marché on Saturday and Sunday to sell T-shirts, caps and environmentally friendly reusable shopping bags with the foundation logo and funny slogan. Dog collars and other items to entertain or take care of pets will also be on sale.

Free sterilization certificates will be available for owners who want to play a part in keeping the island's stray and abandoned animal population under control.

Foundation members will also be on hand to give information about the group's work, which includes the running of an animal ambulance.

World Animal Day was started in 1931 at a convention of ecologists in Florence as a way of highlighting the plight of endangered species. Since then it has grown to encompass all kinds of animal life and is widely celebrated in countries throughout the world. October 4 was chosen as World Animal Day as it is the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals.

It is intended as a day of celebration for anyone in the world who cares about animals. It is not restricted to any nationality, creed, religion, political belief or ideology.

