



## Buddha smiles on Coast's needy pets

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AFTER having to stop a raging bull dead in its tracks, blessing a few dozen abandoned animals seems like a breeze.

Venerable Yana Dolma from the Arya Tara Gold Coast Buddhist Centre will be sending a healing and calming wishes on the cats and dogs of the Animal Welfare League tomorrow, between 5.30pm and 8pm.

Nun Dolma's work at last year's inaugural World Animal Day worked wonders, speeding up the healing process of the sick and blessing the shelter's pets so they found homes quicker than ever before.

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AWL spokeswoman Katie Garrett said she hoped to see the same results after the second annual event on [Shelter Road, Coombabah](#).

Miss Garrett said she had never seen the animals act as strangely as they had with Nun Dolma.

“The cats that usually keep to themselves and don't come near anyone all surrounded her,” said Miss Garrett.

“It was as if they were all lining up to get blessed and waiting for their turn.”

Nun Dolma said she had practised blessing people and animals in India for years before moving to the Gold Coast.

She said she was excited to see the Western world wanting to bless their animals and reconnect with nature.

“It's part of their way of life in those regions, but I'm delighted that it is becoming more popular for other parts of the world,” said Nun Dolma.

“I'm busy blessing animals and people throughout the year. I blessed a dolphin five years ago at Sea World.

“I also blessed a bull in India where the Dalai Lama lives it got carried away and was just chasing everything out of the way.

“Because I was the only blonde among thousands they picked me out of the crowd and I had to stand in front of it.

“I'm happy I'm still alive to tell the story.”



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