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Pets to get a blessing in the Minster

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All creatures great and small will take part in a blessing service on Sunday at Halifax Minster.

The service for the RSPCA will be conducted by the Rev Rachel Firth, who will bless all the animals.

Previous services have attracted cats, dogs, rabbits, a bird of prey and a pony.

Kath Airey, a trustee of Halifax and Huddersfield RSPCA, said: "Many of the animals coming to the service have been rescued by the RSPCA after suffering neglect and ill treatment.

"They have been given a second chance and have found new homes so it will be a pleasure to see them again at this special occasion."

Owners should ensure all pets are well behaved and properly restrained. Horses must be unshod to be allowed in.

The service starts at 3pm and will also commemorate **World Animal Day**.