

Press Release

World Animal Day celebrated with Walkathon

“Unchain your dog”, “Animals look up to you, don’t let them down” and “Animals feel pain like you”. These are some of the slogans that can be seen during a Walk 4 Animals, organized coming Monday by Animal Nepal to celebrate World Animal Day.

Hundreds of students and animal lovers will walk from Patan to Kathmandu to raise funds and awareness for animals. After the finish students will give short talks and perform a play. The Animal Welfare Network Nepal will honour the winners of the essay competition '*Dukha euta ho, dukha pani*'.

World Animal Day is celebrated each year on 4 October. It started in Florence, Italy in 1931 at a convention of ecologists. On this day, animal life in all its forms is celebrated, and special events are planned on locations all over the globe.

In Nepal animal welfare campaigners on World Animal Day focus on the need for an animal welfare act and improved conditions for all animals, including pets, wildlife and working animals.

Says Pramada Shah, Volunteer Director of Animal Nepal: “Nepal faces many challenges when it comes to animal welfare. Pet owners lack awareness on how to look after their animals. Working animals have no rights – they are made to work till they drop. We lack basic facilities for transport and slaughter for food animals, and have no regulations for research. We receive hundreds of letters from tourists each year who are shocked by the conditions of stray animals. That is why on World Animal Day we want to launch a movement for animals led by students. Respect for animals is a basic requirement for a just society.”

Time: 8.30 - 12 am

Start: Lalitpur Sub-Metropolitan City Office, Pulchowk

Finish: GAA Hall, Thamel

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