

World Animal Day

*a celebration of all animals
great and small
and their contribution
to our lives.*



On October 4th, World Animal Day is celebrated all over the world. On this day we contemplate the role of animals in our lives and are thankful for the way they enrich it. Of course it is also the day to spoil your furry, feathered, scaled friend rotten.

But there is more. At this day and age there is still a lot of animals suffering in the world. Animals who are abandoned or neglected, being used as guinea pigs, or worse. All kinds of organizations (from schools to businesses and animal welfare organizations) try to get the public aware of the fact that there are so many animals around the world that are not so lucky as the one(s) you have at home. They teach you that animals are living creatures too and that they have rights and need to be protected.

But should we sympathize with all these unfortunate creatures only one day a year? Shouldn't we be more caring and do whatever we can to help end this suffering?

It was Mahatma Ghandi who said: *"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated".*

If you can relate to the above statement and decide you want to make a difference yourself or help those who are actively involved, there are all kinds of activities you can contribute to. For active involvement you can check for instance <http://www.worldanimalday.org.uk>

On this website you can find ideas on how to organize and read up on activities related to World Animal Day. You can also contact your local animal welfare organization and see what you can do on a local level or make a donation to any animal charity. But remember, all efforts, even the very small ones, will help create a better world for all animals.

