

# WORLD ANIMAL DAY

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## THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

If you love animals, then you should put World Animal Day on your calendar or in your diary. It takes place each year on the 4th of October. It all started in Italy in 1931 at an ecology conference. The scientists wanted to highlight the plight of endangered species. People were concerned about this even at the beginning of the last century. Today the day celebrates all kinds of animal life. Many countries around the world hold different activities and events. It is on October the 4th because this is the day of St Francis of Assisi, who is the patron saint of animals. Anyone, from any religion, background or country celebrates this important day.

You can get lots of information from the official [www.worldanimalday.com](http://www.worldanimalday.com) website. The purpose of the site is to commemorate people's love and respect for animals. It says the day "belongs to everyone" and is "a special opportunity for anyone who loves animals". The site's mission statement has four aims: To celebrate animal life in all its forms; to acknowledge the diverse roles that animals play in our lives; to celebrate humankind's relationship with the animal kingdom; and to acknowledge and be thankful for the way in which animals enrich our lives. The site includes a quote from Mahatma Gandhi: "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

## PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

### Paragraph 1

- |                        |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. on your calendar or | a. species          |
| 2. an ecology          | b. of animal life   |
| 3. endangered          | c. the last century |
| 4. the beginning of    | d. religion         |
| 5. all kinds           | e. in your diary    |
| 6. Anyone, from any    | f. conference       |

### Paragraph 2

- |                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. lots of        | a. respect       |
| 2. love and       | b. kingdom       |
| 3. a special      | c. can be judged |
| 4. mission        | d. information   |
| 5. the animal     | e. opportunity   |
| 6. moral progress | f. statement     |

## LISTENING GAP FILL

If you love animals, \_\_\_\_\_ World Animal Day on your calendar or in your diary. It takes place each year on the 4th of October. \_\_\_\_\_ Italy in 1931 at an ecology conference. The scientists wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ of endangered species. People were concerned about this even at the beginning of the last century. Today the day \_\_\_\_\_ of animal life. Many countries around the world hold different activities and events. It is on October the 4th \_\_\_\_\_ day of St Francis of Assisi, who is the patron saint of animals. Anyone, from any religion, background or country celebrates \_\_\_\_\_.

You can get lots of information from the official [www.worldanimalday.com](http://www.worldanimalday.com) website. The \_\_\_\_\_ is to commemorate people's love and respect for animals. It says the day " \_\_\_\_\_ " and is "a special opportunity for anyone who loves animals". \_\_\_\_\_ statement has four aims: To celebrate animal life in all its forms; to acknowledge the diverse roles that animals \_\_\_\_\_; to celebrate humankind's relationship with the animal kingdom; and to acknowledge and be thankful \_\_\_\_\_ animals enrich our lives. The site includes a quote from Mahatma Gandhi: "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress \_\_\_\_\_ the way its animals are treated."

## WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

If you love animals, then you should \_\_\_\_\_ World Animal Day on your calendar or in your diary. It takes place \_\_\_\_\_ year on the 4th of October. It all started in Italy in 1931 at an ecology conference. The scientists wanted to highlight the \_\_\_\_\_ of endangered \_\_\_\_\_. People were concerned about this even at the beginning of the last century. Today the day celebrates all \_\_\_\_\_ of animal life. Many countries around the world \_\_\_\_\_ different activities and \_\_\_\_\_. It is on October the 4th because this is the day of St Francis of Assisi, who is the patron saint of animals. Anyone, from any \_\_\_\_\_, background or country celebrates this important day.

*species*

*each*

*events*

*kinds*

*put*

*religion*

*plight*

*hold*

You can get lots of information from the \_\_\_\_\_ [www.worldanimalday.com](http://www.worldanimalday.com) website. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the site is to commemorate people's love and respect for animals. It says the day "\_\_\_\_\_ to everyone" and is "a special opportunity for anyone who loves animals". The site's \_\_\_\_\_ statement has four aims: To celebrate animal life in all its forms; to acknowledge the diverse \_\_\_\_\_ that animals play in our lives; to celebrate humankind's relationship with the animal \_\_\_\_\_; and to acknowledge and be thankful for the way in which animals \_\_\_\_\_ our lives. The site includes a quote from Mahatma Gandhi: "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be \_\_\_\_\_ by the way its animals are treated."

*mission*

*kingdom*

*belongs*

*enrich*

*official*

*purpose*

*judged*

*roles*

## CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of *italics*.

If you *loving* / *love* animals, then you should put World Animal Day on your calendar or in your diary. It *takes* / *makes* place each year on the 4th of October. It all started in Italy in 1931 at an ecology conference. The scientists wanted to highlight the *light* / *plight* of endangered species. People were concerned about this *ever* / *even* at the beginning of the last century. Today the day celebrates all kinds of animal *living* / *life*. Many countries around the world hold different activities and *events* / *eventful*. It is on October the 4th because this is the day of St Francis of Assisi, who is the patron saint of *insects* / *animals*. Anyone, from any *religious* / *religion*, background or country celebrates this important day.

You can get *lots* / *load* of information from the official [www.worldanimalday.com](http://www.worldanimalday.com) website. The *purpose* / *reason* of the site is to commemorate people's love and respect for animals. It says the day "*belongs* / *belongings* to everyone" and is "a special opportunity for anyone who loves animals". The site's *mission* / *missing* statement has four aims: To celebrate animal life in all its *farms* / *forms*; to acknowledge the diverse roles that animals play in our lives; to celebrate humankind's relationship with the animal kingdom; and to acknowledge and be *thanks* / *thankful* for the way in which animals enrich our lives. The site includes a quote from Mahatma Gandhi: "The greatness of a nation and its *morality* / *moral* progress can be *judged* / *judgment* by the way its animals are treated."

## MULTIPLE CHOICE

If you (1) \_\_\_\_\_ animals, then you should put World Animal Day on your calendar or in your diary. It takes place (2) \_\_\_\_\_ year on the 4th of October. It all started in Italy in 1931 at an ecology conference. The scientists wanted to highlight the plight of (3) \_\_\_\_\_ species. People were concerned about this even at the beginning of the last century. Today the day celebrates all kinds of animal (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Many countries around the world hold different activities and (5) \_\_\_\_\_. It is on October the 4th because this is the day of St Francis of Assisi, who is the patron saint of animals. Anyone, from any (6) \_\_\_\_\_, background or country celebrates this important day.

You can get lots of information from the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ [www.worldanimalday.com](http://www.worldanimalday.com) website. The purpose of the site is to commemorate people's love and respect (8) \_\_\_\_\_ animals. It says the day "belongs to everyone" and is "a special opportunity for anyone who loves animals". The site's (9) \_\_\_\_\_ statement has four aims: To celebrate animal life in all its forms; to acknowledge the diverse (10) \_\_\_\_\_ that animals play in our lives; to celebrate humankind's relationship with the animal kingdom; and to acknowledge and be thankful for the way in which animals (11) \_\_\_\_\_ our lives. The site includes a quote from Mahatma Gandhi: "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be (12) \_\_\_\_\_ by the way its animals are treated."

### Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- |     |                |               |               |                 |
|-----|----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | (a) loves      | (b) love      | (c) loving    | (d) lover       |
| 2.  | (a) all        | (b) each      | (c) whole     | (d) entire      |
| 3.  | (a) endangered | (b) danger    | (c) dangers   | (d) endanger    |
| 4.  | (a) living     | (b) live      | (c) lifetime  | (d) life        |
| 5.  | (a) events     | (b) eventful  | (c) event     | (d) eventually  |
| 6.  | (a) religious  | (b) religious | (c) religion  | (d) religiously |
| 7.  | (a) office     | (b) official  | (c) officer's | (d) officially  |
| 8.  | (a) for        | (b) to        | (c) at        | (d) of          |
| 9.  | (a) missing    | (b) machine   | (c) motion    | (d) mission     |
| 10. | (a) rolls      | (b) rules     | (c) roles     | (d) reels       |
| 11. | (a) wealthy    | (b) money     | (c) enrich    | (d) spend       |
| 12. | (a) judgment   | (b) judges    | (c) judge     | (d) judged      |

## SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

### Paragraph 1

1. your rceadnal
2. an lcgeooy conference
3. endangered sicsepe
4. last treyunc
5. hold different secttaiivi
6. from any igloinre

### Paragraph 2

7. lots of nitmofirona
8. ceteprs for animals
9. smnlios statement
10. diverse lroes
11. animal nmgodik
12. moral oresgspr

## PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) of St Francis of Assisi, who is the patron saint of animals. Anyone, from any religion,
- ( ) website. The purpose of the site is to commemorate people's love and respect
- ( **1** ) If you love animals, then you should put World Animal Day on your calendar or in your diary. It takes
- ( ) of the last century. Today the day celebrates all kinds of animal life. Many countries around the world hold
- ( ) You can get lots of information from the official [www.worldanimalday.com](http://www.worldanimalday.com)
- ( ) a quote from Mahatma Gandhi: "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."
- ( ) for animals. It says the day "belongs to everyone" and is "a special opportunity for anyone
- ( ) animal kingdom; and to acknowledge and be thankful for the way in which animals enrich our lives. The site includes
- ( ) background or country celebrates this important day.
- ( ) forms; to acknowledge the diverse roles that animals play in our lives; to celebrate humankind's relationship with the
- ( ) to highlight the plight of endangered species. People were concerned about this even at the beginning
- ( ) place each year on the 4th of October. It all started in Italy in 1931 at an ecology conference. The scientists wanted
- ( ) different activities and events. It is on October the 4th because this is the day
- ( ) who loves animals". The site's mission statement has four aims: To celebrate animal life in all its

## SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. on Day Animal World Put calendar your.

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2. 1931 in Italy in started all It.

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3. last the of beginning the At century.

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4. activities different hold world the around Countries.

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5. You get of can lots information.

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6. people's Commemorate animals for respect and love.

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7. who special loves opportunity animals for anyone A.

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8. animal Celebrate forms its all in life.

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9. relationship the kingdom Humankind's with animal.

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10. Mahatma includes Gandhi a quote The from site.

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**DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

**STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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**DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

**STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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# THE WORLD ANIMAL DAY SURVEY

Write five questions about World Animal Day in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

**Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.**



## HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find more information about World Animal Day. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about World Animal Day. Write about what happens around the world. Include two imaginary interviews with people who did something on this day.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. POSTER:** Make your own poster about World Animal Day. Write about will happen on this day around the world.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.