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WVA CELEBRATES THE WORLD ANIMAL DAY 4 OCTOBER 2015

The World Veterinary Association recognizes October 4 as World Animal Day for the importance of animals in enhancing the quality and richness of human lives.

Animals positively influence the lives of everyone around the world either directly or indirectly. They balance our commonly shared environment and ecosystems, provide humans with companionship, and act as adjuncts in therapy and rehabilitation programs for people with disabilities. Animals work to cultivate fields for crops, provide a livelihood for families, and transport goods from place to place. Animals provide food and clothing as well as new scientific knowledge and possibilities for advancements for human and veterinary medicine. Animals also remind us of the importance of conservation of global biodiversity, which is so imperative to human survival. Finally, animals are a vital part of the animal-human-environmental interface and the One Health concept.

The WVA Position on the Role of the Veterinarian in Animal Welfare cites important guidelines for improving the welfare of all animals.

Let World Animal Day remind each of us that animals enrich the lives of human beings everywhere and that all animals should be treated humanely and with compassion during their lifetimes, whatever their role in our lives.