

# World Animal Day

AWARE Festival



Animal Blessing Celebration

October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010



Rideau Carleton Raceway

Mainline Room

4837 Albion Road

Ottawa

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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## GREETINGS

### Co-Hosts



### What is World Animal Day?

World Animal Day is a special opportunity for anyone who loves animals. It was started in 1931 at a convention of ecologists in Florence as a way of highlighting the plight of endangered species. Since then it has grown to encompass all kinds of animal life and is widely celebrated in countries throughout the world. October 4 was chosen as World Animal Day as it is the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals.



### Animal Blessing Prayer

“To the service and therapy animals that enrich our lives with unconditional love; may you be blessed with a long life, good health, and a happy home. May we treat the animals entrusted to our care with compassion, understanding, gentle hands and open hearts, extending to them the same love they extend so selflessly to us. May we acknowledge their presence as a blessing in our lives, so that the mutual bond that exists between us is never taken for granted.”

♥ Sarah Schlote ♥  
The Natural Connection

**Let The Celebration Begin!!**

## **Masters of Ceremonies**

**Dominic D’Arcy and Sandy Sharkey**

**9:00 a.m. Opening**

**9:30 a.m. Jeremy Sill, Therapeutic Music**

**10:15 a.m. Dominic D’Arcy and His Rising Stars**

**12:00 Noon Blessing of the Animals**

**2:00 p.m. Rescue Walkathon**

**3:15 p.m. Announcements**

- **Walkathon Winners**
- **AWARE Festival Prizes Draw**

**3:30 p.m. Jeremy Sills, Therapeutic Music**

**3:45 p.m. Closing Remarks**

- **Candice O’Connell**
- **Dominic D’Arcy**
- **Joanne Moss**
- **Sandy Sharkey**

## Special Thanks

### Corporate Sponsor



### In-Kind Contributions

Dominic D'Arcy, MC, Entertainment, and Logistics  
Sandy Sharkey, MC, Radio Personality 93.9 BOB FM  
Jeremy Sill, Pleasant Tones for the Animals



### Blessing of the Animals

Rev Al Ritchie, Deacon  
Archdiocese of Ottawa

Elder Albert Dumont  
(Southwind) First Nations  
Author of four books and well known in the Aboriginal Community

Reverend Cyril Cook  
South Gloucester United Church

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