

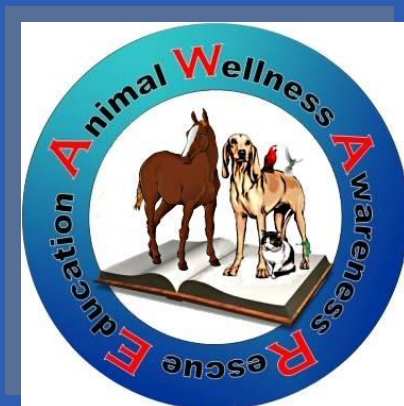
# World Animal Day

AWARE Festival



Animal Blessing Celebration

October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011



Rideau Carleton Raceway

Mainline Room

4837 Albion Road

Ottawa

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

[www.awarefestival.ca](http://www.awarefestival.ca)

## Co-Hosts



The Canadian Foundation  
for Animal Assisted Support Services



### 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!!

## Special Guest Appearances

**Dominic D'Arcy and Sandy Sharkey**

**Fido, Ottawa Bylaw Services Mascot & Friends**



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| <b>9:00 a.m.</b>  | <b>Proclamation of AWARE Festival Day in the Nation's Capital</b>                   |
| <b>9:15 a.m.</b>  | <b>Dominic D'Arcy and His Rising Stars</b>  |
| <b>10:00 a.m.</b> | <b>Tellington Touch Demo</b>  |
| <b>11:00 a.m.</b> | <b>Canadian Canine Good Citizen Demo</b>  |
| <b>12:00 Noon</b> | <b>Animal Blessing Celebration</b>  |
| <b>1:15 p.m.</b>  | <b>Service Dog Team Demo (ASIST)</b>  |
| <b>2:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Rescue Walkathon</b>   |
| <b>3:15 p.m.</b>  | <b>Announce Walkathon Winners</b>   |
| <b>3:45 p.m.</b>  | <b>Closing Remarks</b>  |
|                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Candice O'Connell and Fido</b></li></ul> |

# Special Thanks

## Corporate Sponsor



## Blessing of the Animals

Deacon Al Ritchie

Reverend Ron Berresford

Reverend Gordon Roberts

Reverend Neil Wallace

## Thank You!

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Guests

Rideau Carleton Raceway & Staff