

Responsible Dog Owners of Canada

The Canadian Foundation for Animal Assisted
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AWARE Festival Day

Ottawa (ON) - Responsible Dog Owners of Canada and The Canadian Foundation for Animal Assisted Support Services are pleased to announce that the Honourable Mayor Jim Watson has proclaimed October 15, 2011, AWARE Festival Day in the Capital.

The AWARE Festival, an annual event, will be held in the Mainline Room at the Rideau Carleton Raceway, October 15, 2011, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and is a special opportunity for anyone who loves animals. It promotes animal wellness, awareness, rescue and education and includes a showcase of animal rescues and potential adoptees and vendors that focus on animal products and services. Rescue organizations will have some adoptable animals, service organizations will present demonstrations and exhibitors will present the latest products and services for your companion animal.

A special component of the Festival is the multi-denominational Blessing of the Animals in honour of World Animal Day and the Feast of Saint Francis Assisi, the patron saint of animals, which are observed worldwide on October 4th. The ceremony commences at 12 noon.

Again this year, the Festival is proud to feature Dominic D'Arcy and The Rising Stars.

Pets are welcome provided they are properly leashed or contained. The event is rain or shine and admission is free.

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