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World Animal Day, celebrated globally on **4th October every year**, is a day of action and awareness for animal rights and welfare. The day, which coincides with the feast of St. Francis of Assisi—the patron saint of animals and nature—has evolved into a worldwide movement uniting communities across cultures and nations to celebrate animal life in all its forms.

On this occasion, the **Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI)**—a statutory body working for over six decades for the promotion of animal welfare—calls upon all citizens, educational institutions, government offices, corporates, NGOs, Animal Welfare Organizations (AWOs), and Gaushalas to participate actively in spreading awareness about the importance of animals in our culture, economy, environment, and daily lives.

Animals are not merely companions or resources—they are **essential to human survival and planetary health**. Their role spans across environmental balance, sustainable agriculture, cultural heritage, livelihoods, companionship, therapy, and even scientific advancement.

In view of the above, all stakeholders are requested to observe World Animal Day, 2025 in a befitting manner by:

- Organizing awareness programs, seminars, or community events.
- Promoting humane education and responsible animal care.
- Supporting shelters, rescue efforts, and animal welfare initiatives.
- Advocating for stronger protection and welfare of animals.
- Highlighting the role and contribution of animals in sustaining life and culture.

You are further requested to kindly share press clippings, photographs, and videos of the activities organized in observance of World Animal Day with AWBI, so that these may be suitably highlighted in the Board's publications.

Let us reaffirm our shared responsibility to ensure the welfare and dignity of animals, as an essential step towards sustainability, food security, social equity, and collective well-being.


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