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VOLUNTEERING IN GREAT BRITAIN AND BELARUS

Volunteering is still a relatively new concept in many countries. Volunteers help to solve many burning problems concerning wild life. They take care of animals that are facing extinction and stray animals.

Many students in Great Britain are volunteers. They work in many volunteering organizations, which are aimed at the rehabilitation of abandoned and neglected animals. Every animal is cared for until a home is found for it, no matter how long it takes.

The situation for street animals is different in various cultures. But in all countries they are dangerous for people. They may cause diseases. In London daily about 400 animals are provided with food, shelter, veterinary care, exercise and positive interaction before they are placed in homes.

Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in England and Wales was founded at the beginning of the 19th century. This charity organization is the oldest and largest animal welfare organization in the world. They struggle against cruel methods used to “dispose” of unwanted animals.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds appeared in 1889. It promotes conservation and protection of birds and the environment.

Bird Life International is a global partnership of conservation associations that strives to conserve birds and their habitats. Volunteers work with people towards sustainability in the use of natural resources. 120 partner organizations take part in its activity.

Belarus also has many volunteering organizations. For example, Egida. It is Public Association for Animal Protection. The main objective of the action – educating young people, developing positive feelings towards wildlife, drawing attention to the problem of stray animals.

Animal Humane Society “Kind Heart” was founded in Mogilev in 2007. The aim of this association is to collect charitable denotations. They are used for helping the poor and pensioners who take care of homeless animals; to pay for surgery and treatment in veterinary clinics.

Animal shelter in Vitebsk began its activities in 2012. Its employees are engaged in humane capture, sterilization and temporary keeping of stray animals. If necessary they apply euthanasia. Vitebsk enterprises support the shelter. The shelter accepts any help. It may be old coats, blankets, syringes, dog-collars, leashes and any kind of foodstuffs.

Animal volunteering includes dog walking, looking after injured wildlife, monitoring, surveying and improving habitats for local wildlife. People of different ages and occupation become volunteers. These noble people work in their free time and free of charge.