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**Activities of the Polish Animal Friendship League/Polish Animal Protection League
in the Second Polish Republic**

SUMMARY

The purpose of this article is to present and explain the activities of the Polish Animal Friendship League (founded in 1927) according to the “Świat Zwierzęcy” monthly (from 1934 – quarterly) that in 1937 changed its name into “Świat i Przyjaciel Zwierząt”. The magazine was the organ of the League (that later became the Polish Animal Protection League, and after reorganisation – the Union of Associations for the Protection of Animals of the Republic of Poland).

In the article we assumed the following task criterion: the most important achievements of the Polish Animal Friendship League/Polish Animal Protection League are shown, its cooperation with other institutions in Poland and abroad, organisation and celebration of the Protection of Animals Day/Care for Animals Day.

In the conclusion of the article we find that the Polish Animal Friendship League/ Polish Animal Protection League was the propagator of the idea and applied it in practice. It united animal lovers and educated the society, sensitizing people to the needs of animals and their hardships of life, the necessity to prevent animal abuse, e.g. cruelty during scientific research (vivisection), excessive exploitation (especially horses, often starved, and using them for work when sick or crippled). Our source is the magazine “Świat Zwierzęcy”/”Świat Zwierząt”, published in Warsaw in the years 1929–1939.

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