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Animal welfare fortnight begins

Bangalore: Highlighting the importance of care, concern and compassion towards animals, a group of 150 individuals walked from Mayo Hall to Cubbon Park on Sunday morning.

With placards reading 'Stop animal cruelty', 'Promote responsible pet ownership', 'Prevent animal abuse', the walkathon saw the participation of 16 NGOs who got together for the animal welfare fortnight celebrations, observed from January 20 to 31 every year. The 10-day fest aims to bring together the stakeholders and encourage citizens to take community ownership of animals.

Several animal welfare groups, institutions and BBMP's animal husbandary department will inform people about the importance of a peaceful co-existence with animals.

There'll be a film screening on January 21 at Jain University and a street puppy adoption camp on January 23. The highlight of the celebrations will be a fashion show at the Veterinary Hospital, Queen's Road, on January 27, designed to promote responsible pet ownership. A free vaccination drive is also lined up for January 28. TNN