

Prayer for Animals

One of the great commandments is for us to protect the animals amongst us.

Tza'r ba'al chaim—the protection of both wild and domestic creatures—those who bring us pleasure and comfort, as well as farm animals who toil in the service of humankind. May the great beasts of the wild be protected, not only for the sake of their species, but the pleasure they may bring to our children and our children's children.

Please keep our pets safe from accidents, illness and human cruelty. Help us to understand that their lives, while bringing us joy and companionship, are shorter than the human sojourn in this world. Thus we are often faced with sadness at their demise, and we pray that we should not be the cause of any suffering and hardship.

AMEN