



# Award - Friend of Animals

These notes were provided by Margaret Tay of North New Zealand Conference in June 2004 and in August 2005.

This award is part of the Busy Bee Class.

There are two pages in the old work book for this award. Page 27 has the requirements with some pictures and page 28 has spaces for answers. Note though that the requirements listed here do NOT match those in the manual (no.3 here is not in the manual).

Some extra pictures are supplied here for the children to cut out to decorate their report on this award. Unfortunately most of the bird pictures are of European birds that were foolishly imported to our countries and are now pests.

At the end are some extra notes.

A puppy dog



Parent feeding baby bird.



four bird pictures



## Some sparrows



The Requirements are numbered (see the manual for the details), here are some helpful comments.

- 1 Note that this requirement has two alternatives.  
If a domestic pet is cared for then no records are required, but the parent should certify (verbally at least) that the child had faithfully done their duty.  
If wild animals/birds are observed then a list must be kept and pictures drawn.  
Remind the children that if they want a pet then they must be prepared to look after it until it does.
- 2 Try to get the children to be objective about how the animals are cared for in the place they visit (unless they visit the natural history museum). Are the cages/enclosures big enough, animals well cared for, proper food provided etc. A visit like this would probably be done best as a club activity.
- 3 Some animal games lead themselves to discussion of the animals mimicked, or described in the games, or pictured in the game kit. If the "bad" animals are mentioned ask whether God designed the animals to be like that. What were the animals like in the Garden of Eden? What will they be like in heaven?