

EMRO was invited to participate on World Animal day on October 1, 2005, (in conjunction with World Animal Week as promoted by [WSPA](#)) along with other prominent animal welfare groups and charities in Egypt, including: the Egyptian Society of Animal Friends (ESAF), SPARE (Society for the Protection of Animal Rights in Egypt), the Cat Flat, the Brooke Animal Hospital and Donkey Sanctuary, pet grooming and local vets.

This was EMRO's debut on the Cairo scene and it was a pleasant day all in all, celebrating World Animal Week. Weather was perfect in the low 30's (Celsius). Activities included live music, refreshments, demonstrations of pet grooming on dogs and donkeys, tombola and bake stall, along with raffle prizes and face painting for the kids. EMRO handed out business cards, brochures, and had a display board about the history of Mau cats (thanks to the slide show produced by the TICA Breed Seminar of August, 2004 in Denver Colorado, composed by Constance A. Carroll, of the USA). Pharaonic cat statues, and papyrus scrolls and bookmarks were on sale, as well as a donation jar was available.

Traffic at the event was steady, and although donations were not plentiful, the day was deemed a success.



*Photos 1, from Left to right: Mr. Sherif El-Khouly, EMRO Secretary; Ms. Gloria Lauris, Treasurer and Co-Founder, EMRO; Mr. Ahmed El Sherbiny, Chairperson of the Egyptian Society of Animal Friends (ESAF) and organizer of the event; Mr. Maged Razik, Executive Assistant, EMRO; and Mr. Khaled El-Khouly, Member of EMRO.*



*Photo 2: Ms. Gloria Lauris takes stock of the display booth.*



*Photo 3: Mr. Sherif Elkholy chats with Mr. Ashraf, EMRO's lawyer, while Mr. Maged Razik looks on.*