

Animal day for Ruatoki

TO change people's perspective of the SPCA, on Sunday the organisation will host a day in Ruatoki to promote awareness about care and protection of animals.

The day starts at 9am at Tuhoe Park. People are encouraged to bring their sick animals for a free basic health check that includes flea and worm treatment.

Inspector Liisa Jones said the aim was to show people a different side to the SPCA.

"We want to change people's perspectives of the SPCA; we are about educa-

tion and care of animals, not always about prosecuting people."

People can also register to have animals de-sexed or gelded and horse farriers will be on hand to provide advice about hoof and dental care. Free drenching will also be available.

The day is being held in collaboration with the Tuhoe tribal organisation for Ruatoki, Te Komiti o Runa, and communications advisor Te Whetu McCorkindale said it would be a fun day out for the family with entertainment and competitions as well as food and refreshments available.