



Animals in war memorial inscriptions

Here are the inscriptions on the two Portland stone memorial plaques featured either side of the entrance to the RSPCA Kilburn (Animal War Memorial) Clinic in north-west London.



“ THIS BUILDING
IS DEDICATED AS
A MEMORIAL
TO THE COUNTLESS
THOUSANDS OF GOD’S
HUMBLE CREATURES
WHO SUFFERED AND
PERISHED IN
THE GREAT WAR 1914 -18
KNOWING NOTHING OF
THE CAUSE · LOOKING
FORWARD TO NO FINAL
VICTORY · FILLED ONLY
WITH LOVE FAITH AND
LOYALTY THEY ENDURED
MUCH AND DIED FOR US
MAY WE ALL
REMEMBER THEM WITH
GRATITUDE AND IN THE
FUTURE COMMEMORATE
THEIR SUFFERING AND
DEATH BY SHOWING
KINDNESS AND
CONSIDERATION TO
LIVING ANIMALS ”

“ 1914 - 1918
THIS TABLET RECORDS
THE DEATHS
BY ENEMY ACTION
DISEASE OR ACCIDENT
OF
484,143 HORSES
MULES CAMELS AND
BULLOCKS
AND
OF MANY HUNDREDS OF
DOGS CARRIER PIGEONS
AND OTHER CREATURES
ON THE VARIOUS FRONTS
DURING THE GREAT WAR

IT ALSO RECORDS
THE FACT THAT
IN FRANCE ALONE
725,216 SICK AND
WOUNDED ANIMALS
WERE TREATED IN THE
VETERINARY HOSPITALS
PROVIDED
BY THE R.S.P.C.A ”