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Close your eyes and imagine a dead bird on the ground. When you imagine it, think about your feelings and imagine someone in your family died. You'll go to the funeral and spread their ashes somewhere nice. So, how do you feel about an animal dying? On Hwiae you'll honor the death of animals with food, decorations, and family.

Hwiae is a holiday with food for all animals. Animals can die if they don't have food and water. Food will be shaped into all shapes to represent the holiday. Some of the animals, like lions, eat meat. There will be a table for the animals and a big stack of meat for them. They will be served on a plate. Some other animals eat vegetables, like carrots, lettuce, and tomatoes. They will have a big bowl of vegetables set out for the animals with fruit cut up. For the horse and giraffes, it will be chopped up with grass and served to them on a table. For the drink for all of the animals, it is water and milk in a bowl. A guide will help them.

It is a holiday for animals with decorations. There is a pine tree. It is a pine tree because of the smell and some of the animals like the smell. There are bone toys on the pine tree. The bone toys represent the body parts of the animals. On the tree top is a skull. The skull on top of the tree is to honor the death of the animals. There will be photos of the dead animals to honor them and remember them. They can put the photo on the wall. There will be a red carpet when you walk in the entrance because it is the color of blood. There will be a table for the flowers because they can help you remember someone.

This is a holiday for family and friends. You're with your family and doing activities. If you don't have family, you would be alone and you would have no one. When you don't have family around for the holiday, there is no one to talk to. When you go to the dinner table, you have no one to talk to and no one to eat with and drink with. So, I think this holiday is great for pets and when you are lonely, you can eat, sleep, and play with your pet. The animals will play with the toys with family and friends. They will have paint on their paw and have an adult to help them with it. They have adults paint their nails. You can have a hairdo for the boys.

On Hwiae you'll honor the death of animals with decorations, family, and food. There is a pine tree with decorations on the pine tree. Family is important to Hwiae because when you are lonely you have no one to talk to. Food is important because animals eat a lot of food and if animals don't eat they will die. Hwiae is a holiday for animals to honor the death of animals and remember them.