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Duchess to launch sponsored dog walk

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The Duchess of Cornwall is due to take part in the beginning of a sponsored dog walk in London to celebrate Nepal's Day of the Dog.

The dog walk in Green Park is being held in aid of the Kathmandu Animal Treatment Centre.

It has been organised to mark Nepal's "Kukur Tihar" - the Day of the Dog and the second day of Hindu festival "Tihar".

On this day all dogs are looked on with respect, according to the festival tradition.

The duchess will meet some of the dogs and their owners who are taking part in the sponsored walk and will present some of the dogs with decorated collars.

She will also view the Open Door Exhibition at the Royal Over-Seas League, which includes 108 artworks from British and Nepalese artists.

The number 108 is said to be sacred in Hinduism and Buddhism.

Both events have been organised by British charity the Kathmandu Arts Centre.

The charity aims to raise funds to establish a cultural centre in the capital of Nepal, as well as to cultivate emerging Nepalese artists.

The art exhibition forms part of the 11th annual Asian Art in London event.

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