

## **Animal Healing Ritual – Celtic style**

*Notes and directions are in italic*

*(The Circle is cast deosil starting and finishing at the East, the direction of the dawn.)*

Leader: We are gathered to send healing energy to the animals of the world that are in need, especially for ... ..

*(All turn to the East)*

East: We call to the Hawk of the East in the rising dawn which brings the hope of a new day. Let the hope of the dawn be with us for this rite of healing.

*(All turn to the South)*

South: We call to the Stag of the South in the heat of midday which brings energy and strength. Let the energy of midday be with us for this rite of healing.

*(All turn to the West)*

West: We call to the Salmon of the West in the peace of dusk which brings rest at the end of a day. Let the peace of dusk be with us for this rite of healing.

*(All turn to the North)*

North: We call to the Bear of the North in the quiet of midnight which brings sleep and healing. Let the quiet of midnight be with us for this rite of healing.

*(All turn to face in to the centre)*

Earth: I call to the Spirits of the Earth beneath our feet. May they support and strengthen us in this rite of healing.

Water: I call to the Spirits of the Waters that surround us and flow through us. May they aid healing energies in flowing to those in need.

Sky: I call to the Spirits of the Skies above us. May they carry healing with the winds to those that need it.

Earth: I call the Ancestors of this Place, may they aid us in sending healing to animals in need especially ... ..

Water: I call the Ancestors of our Blood, may they aid us in sending healing to animals in need especially ... ..

Sky: I call the Ancestors of our Spiritual Path, may they aid us in sending healing to animals in need especially ... ..

Leader: I call to Epona, Mistress of Horses, Queen of all, we ask you to aid us as we send out healing to our animal friends.

Leader: I call to Cernunnos, Guardian of all Animals, we ask you to add your strength to the healing we send out during this rite.

*(pause)*

Let each person present offer up a name of an animal in need of healing at this time, each in turn and continuing round the circle until all individual animals in need have been mentioned by name.

*(You can prepare this in advance by writing the names onto slips of paper and as each name is read out it can be dropped into a bowl, ideally one that you can light a small fire in to burn the slips of paper)*

Leader: Together let us raise energy for those animals in need.

All:

Hoof and horn  
Fur, feather, claw  
We ask for healing  
For them once more

Scale and fang  
And all that creep  
We ask for them  
Good health to keep

*(Start slowly to a steady beat and repeat several times getting faster for each repetition as you raise energy until you have trouble getting all the words out and finish with a shout throwing your arms up into the air and visualising healing energy flowing out to all the animals you have mentioned by name and any others in need that you don't know of)*

Leader: As we have shared in sending healing to the animals, let us now share in the bounty of the Earth.

*(Using your own words bless some bread or cake and either wine, water, or juice what ever suits and then pass it round the circle deosil so each person present has some and offer a little of each back to the Earth)*

Leader: Mighty Cernunnos, guardian of all things wild and free we thank you for your presence here with us today and we bid you hail and farewell

All: Hail and Farewell

Leader: Gentle Epona, You who watch over all our journeys we thank you for your presence here with us today and we bid you hail and farewell

All: Hail and Farewell

Sky: We thank the ancestors of our Spiritual path for their presence here with us today and we bid you hail and farewell

All: Hail and Farewell

Water: We thank the ancestors of our Blood for their presence here with us today and we bid you hail and farewell

All: Hail and Farewell

Earth: We thank the ancestors of this Place for their presence here with us today and we bid you hail and farewell

All: Hail and Farewell

Sky: I call to the Spirits of the Skies above us to thank them for their presence during this healing rite. I ask them to continue to watch over us and I bid them hail and farewell

Water: I call to the Spirits of the Waters of Life that flow within us to thank them for their presence during this healing rite. I ask them to continue to watch over us and I bid them hail and farewell

Earth: I call to the Spirits of the Earth beneath us that supports and nourishes us to thank them for their presence during this healing rite. I ask them to continue to watch over us and I bid them hail and farewell

*(All turn to face the North)*

North: We call to the Mighty Bear of the North in the quiet of midnight and we thank her for her presence here with us today and we bid her hail and farewell

All: Hail and Farewell

*(All turn to face the West)*

West: We call to the Graceful Salmon of the West in the peace of dusk and we thank him for his presence here with us today and we bid him hail and farewell

All: Hail and Farewell

*(All turn to the South)*

South: We call to the Swift Stag of the South in the heat of midday and we thank him for his presence here with us today and we bid him hail and farewell

All: Hail and Farewell

*(All turn to the East)*

East: We call to the Farseeing Hawk of the East in the hope of the dawn and we thank her for her presence here with us today and we bid her hail and farewell

All: Hail and Farewell

*(All turn to the centre once more)*

Leader: We have gathered to send healing to the animals of the world. Let us now continue our daily lives knowing we can gather again when we choose to.

*(The Circle is then unwound widdershins starting and finishing in the East)*