Devotion of animals towards Lord Rama

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Lord Rama was an avatar whom both humans and animals admired and showed devotion because of his several qualities and virtues. The qualities that made him so were being fair, loving, compassionate, righteous and as an upholder of dharma. Lord Rama’s brothers including Laxman, Bharat and Shatrughan as well as the people of the country showed devotion to Rama because of these qualities.  Not only did people show their love and devotion to Lord Rama but also the animals of the kingdom.

In Ramayana,Hanumantha ,Sugreva, Jambavanth(bear) and vanarasena showed loyalty and devotion to lord Rama and helped him in the mission to bring back Sita Devi safely.  The devotion, compassion and love shown by Jatayu is supreme.

When ravanasura kidnaped  Sita devi by lying to her and took her captive and was flying away towards the direction of lanka. Jatay saw him and heard Sita devi wailing and calling Lord Rama’s name.  Jayatu was king of birds and at the same time understood the immense divine and acquired  powers as well as the magical powers that  ravanasura possessed.

Jatyau’s love and devotion for Lord Rama was so immense that he did not let the power of Ravanasura bother him or stop him from trying to save Sita Devi. He fought alone. He tried his best and did not give in. He fought bravely with Ravanasura until the last breath of his life. He did not give up even after being wounded by Ravanasura.  After his wings were cut he fell to the ground but kept himself alive with the hope of giving the information to Lord Rama. He knew his information would be very important and would be helpful to lord Rama.  Once the information about the kidnapping was given to Rama and the direction Ravanasura flew along with Sita Devi, Jatayu had solace.  This act of bravery and loyalty shown by Jatayu is a huge example for people, even today.

In conclusion Jayatu, Haumantha, Jambavanth and the vanarsena  showed devotion to Rama in different ways. Love and devotion was shown by being a loyal friend and by being part of the mission to save Sita Devi . During this course some even gave their life for the love and devotion for Rama like Jatayu. Jatayu’s love and sacrifice shows absolute devotion to Lord Rama.