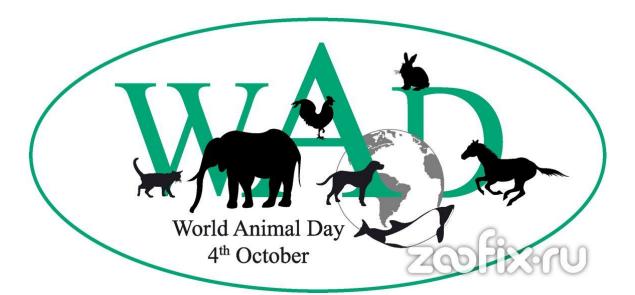
## **World Animal Day**



## • World Animal Day is an

international day of action for animal rights and welfare celebrated annually on October 4, the feast day of Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals.

 It started in 1931 at a convention of ecologists in Florence, Italy who wished to highlight the plight of endangered species.

## Some figures

- In 2012, the IUCN Red List featured 3079 animal and 2655 plant species as endangered (EN) worldwide.
- The figures for 1998 were, respectively, 1102 and 1197









Thanks for you attention