

World Animal Day is a Palindrome Day!

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World Animal Day



(Note that this art picture produced by A. S. Inan and F. Dominguez is a word puzzle.
Can you figure out how?)

World Animal Day is an international day of action celebrated annually on 4 October 2014 [1]. It was founded in 1931 at a convention of ecologists in Florence, Italy, who wished to highlight the plight of endangered species.

This year's World Animal Day to occur this week on Saturday, 4 October 2014 is unique because it possesses a rare property. If expressed in the day-month-year calendar date format as 4-10-2014 (or simply as 4102014), this number is a palindrome number. For this reason, this year's World Animal Day also coincides with a palindrome day [2]!

After this one, the next time World Animal Day will become a palindrome day in the day-month-year format will be 1000 years later, in 3014, expressed as 4103014. Wow! So, this year's World Animal Day has indeed a very rare property.

Happy Palindrome World Animal Day to all of us in celebrating the joy we receive from our animal friends and also continue reminding ourselves the vital importance of our coexistence with all the animals to maintain the balance and the liveliness of our planet.

[1] World Animal Day, Wikipedia
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Animal_Day

[2] A. S. Inan, "Palindrome Dates in 2011," *The Beacon*, Vol. 112, Issue No. 8, pp. 12 & 13, University of Portland, Portland, Oregon, October 28, 2010.