

WORLD ANIMAL DAY EVENTS IN CAMEROON

FAWCAM CHALLENGES NW INHABITANTS TO HAVE RESPECT FOR ANIMALS.

It is no longer news that the 4th of October each year is being feted as the Works Animal Day (WAD). But what is worth noting is that the foundation of animal welfare Cameroon (FAWCAM) has been



celebrating this day since the year 2005. Other animal lovers, schools, places of worship and ordinary members of the public also celebrate this day around the world.

It is also important to

note that the World Animal Day was first launched in 1931 at a convention of Ecologists to draw attention to the plight of endangered species. Its scope has since developed to encompass the Animal Kingdom in general. It celebrates humankind's unique relationship with the Animal Kingdom and acknowledges the numerous ways in which animals enrich people's lives.

In Italy, St Anthony the Great, also known as St Anthony Abad, is known as the Patron of the Animal kingdom.

It is for this reason that during this year's celebration, FAWCAM called on all the inhabitants of the North West Province and beyond to have respect for animals, with inspiration from the theme of this year's celebration in Cameroon, "LET'S CARE FOR OUR ANIMALS".

THE DAY OPENED ON THE 1ST TO 3RD OF October 2008, with Press Releases

and Radio Talks about World Animal Day to encourage more animal lovers to get involved in celebrating the day in Cameroon. On the 4th October, there was a Gala Night organized for fundraising and publicity working animals' keepers in Bui Division who all members of FAWCAM declared the day as a day of rest to the animals.

FAWCAM on the 5th October organized Holy Mass to ask God's blessings on the Animal of Cameroon. This day also had Tea Time Party with students where they were schooled on the World Animal Day, where they also raised funds.

Talks on this year's celebration was extended to three schools in the Bamenda metropolis, as well as some groups in Nitob, Mankon Bamenda.



The celebration rounded up with light refreshment at FAWCAM Head Office Bamenda Cameroon.

WHY 4TH OCTOBER AS WAD.

This date was chosen because it is the feast. Day of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saints of Animals and Ecology. Word Animal Day is intended as a day of celebration for any one in the world who cares about Animals. It is not restricted to any one Nationality, Creed, Religion, Political belief or ideology. You first have to care, since Animals play a diverse roles in man's life, from being his companions, supporting and helping to bring a sense of wonder into his life as well as enriching it.