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ZOOBALL World Cup of Animal Football (translation from russian)



The Animal Soccer



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dedicated to my little nephew Arthur and niece Vlada uncle Alexander

Once ...

Once, the animals in the Animal's Kingdom decided to organize the Football World Cup. It was decided to invite the animals from all over the World, from every continent.

Every continent of our planet was supposed to collect the continental team, consisting of the animals living there.

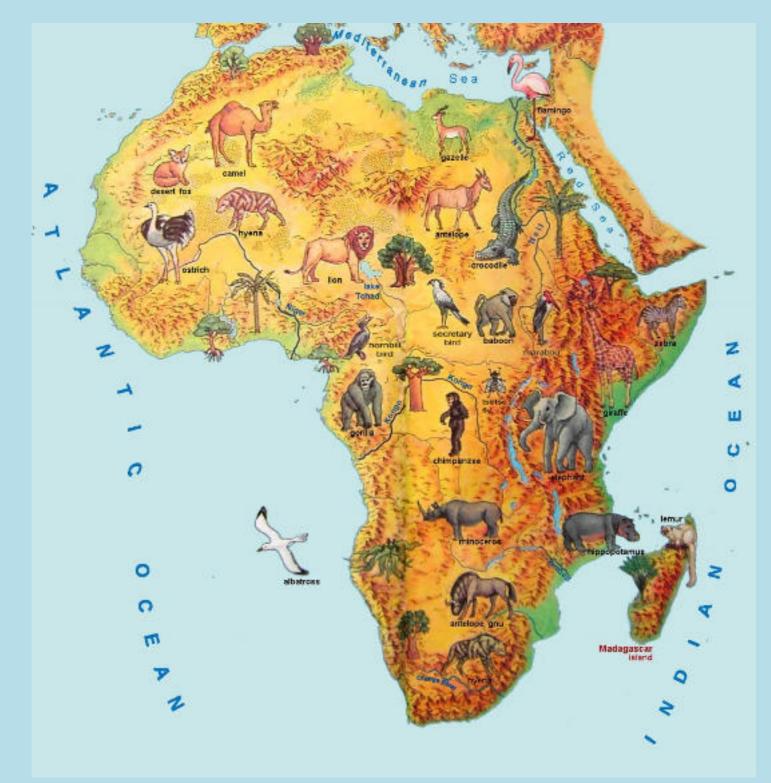
There were at list six continents and parts of the world that presented their animal-football teams: Africa, Asia, Australia, North America, South America and Europe.



It was decided that Africa will take in the Championship, because the King of the animals Lion lives there and the capital of the Animal Kingdom is located in this continent.

The strongest, fastest and the most deft animals of all continents were going to take a part in World Cup.

Africa





Africa is the host-continent. Many different animals live in Africa. The most enormous animals, such as elephant, hippo and rhino live there. Deft and fast animals, such as cheetah, leopard, various antelopes and monkeys live there. And the powerful animals such as the lion and gorilla.

Tarzan from the jungles became a coach of the African football team.

Asia





The **Asian** team as well as the African team consisted of powerful and fast animals, that live in the vast expanses of this part of the world.

As the coach of the football team was elected Tarzan's elder twin brother – all known Mowgli from Indian jungles. Panther Bagheera and Olympic bear Mikhailo Potapovych Baluev were his assistants. Friends called bear simply Balloo.

South America

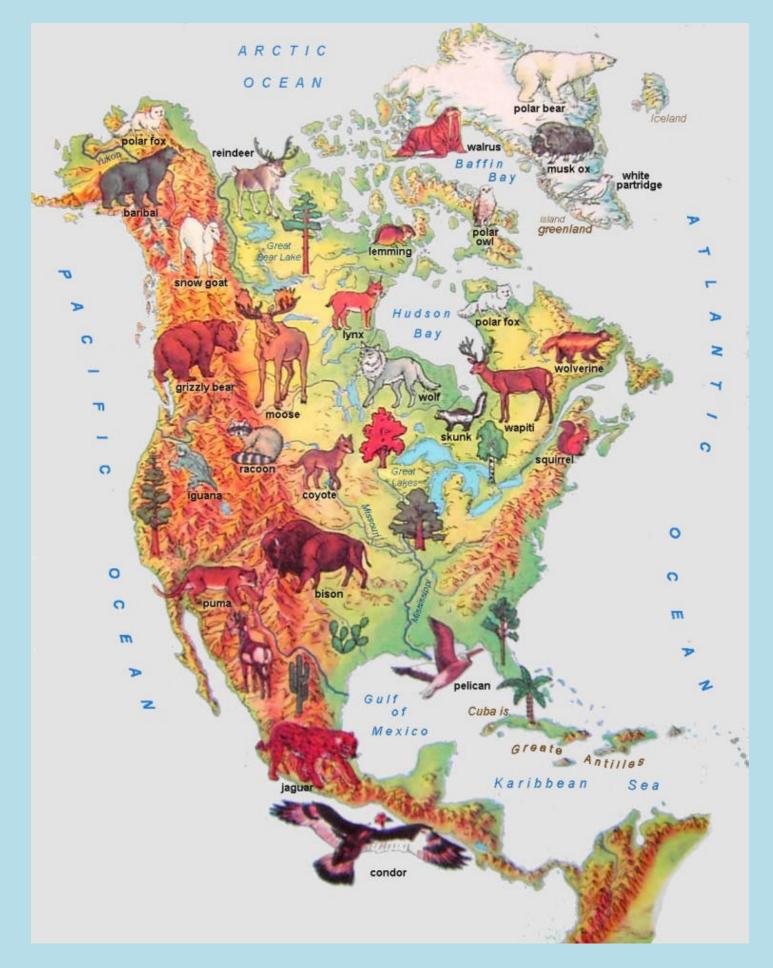




Although the representatives of **South American** team are not so strong and huge as African and Asian, they are technically good football players. This team included the stars of world animal football, such as jaguar Jaguardo, Amazon monkey Mandragona, Lama, Alpakos, Pumas, Iguano and others. The goalkeeper of the team will be spider monkey Macaques Cesaro Los Julios, or shortly Macaqo. The South American team is considered a major tournament favorites.

Howler monkey Maradunga was the coach of the team. At the past he was a brilliant football player, but nobody knows him as a coach.

North America





Unlike the South American team, **North American** football players are not so good, because other sports are popular there. North American animals evidently doesn't understand where and why they go.

The team coach is an eagle John Condor. There a lot of green pieces of paper, that John put them on instead of feathers. John Condor is very rich.

Europe





The **European** team consists of only pets, because there are no fast and powerful wild animals in this part of the world. Wild animals almost wiped out and the forests cut down by people. There are cities and factories instead of forests. Many farms are arranged on the fields, where pets live.

Many European farms selected the best football players. The main European farms involved in selection were Aston Villa in Britain, Villa Real in Spain and the atheletic society "Hourozhay (the Harvest)" in Russia. On specialized farms and stables, poultry and cattle yards the best animal football players were grown up and trained.

A distinctive feature of the European team was the technicality and, most importantly iron discipline. Game discipline was the strength of the European team, unlike the teams from other continents consisted of wild animals. European team was as strong and powerful as the South American team.

The best animal coach Goose Van der Hollands was elected as the coach of the European team.

Australia



The **Australian** team included not only players from continent, but also from nearby islands that are stretched out in Pacific, Tasmania and New Zealand. There are different amazing animals live in Australia. The most of animals in this

continent are marsupials: koala, marsupial squirrel, rats and even mice are marsupial there.

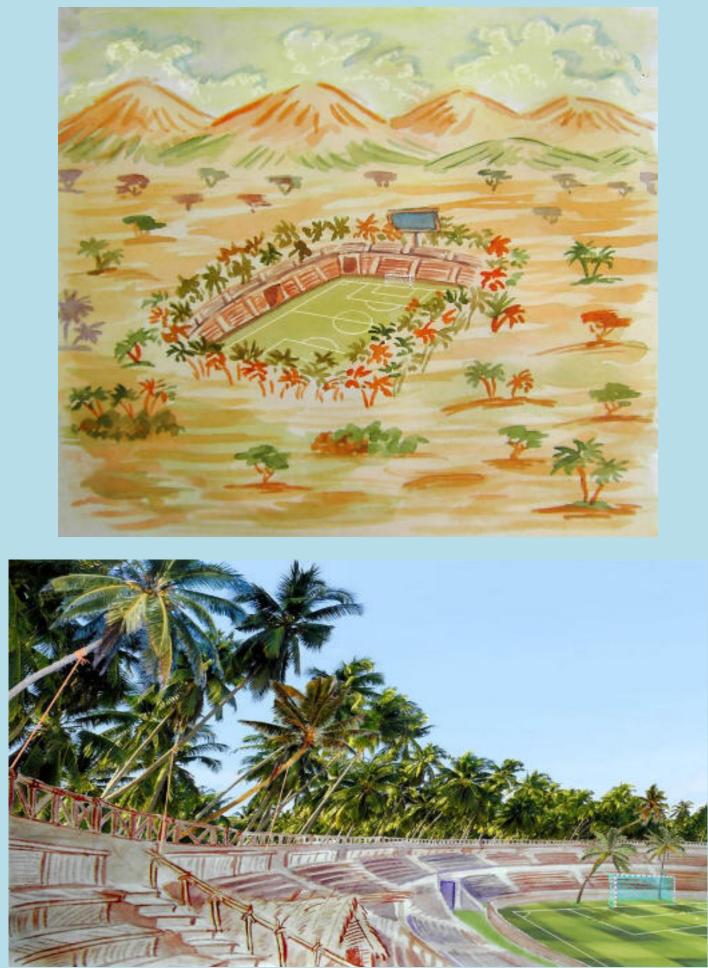
Mister Fox became the coach of the team. He emigrated from Europe. There mans hunted on fox by means of the deerhounds dogs.

Mr. Fox's team consisted of kangaroo. Kangaroo is also marsupial. Everybody thought that Australian football team would be a strong contender for other teams because kangaroos have long and strong legs and they are jumping very-very high. Although the Australians prefer other game called rugby, that is played not only with legs and head.

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Everything was ready for a World Cup in Africa. The stadiums were arranged in palm forests and jungles.

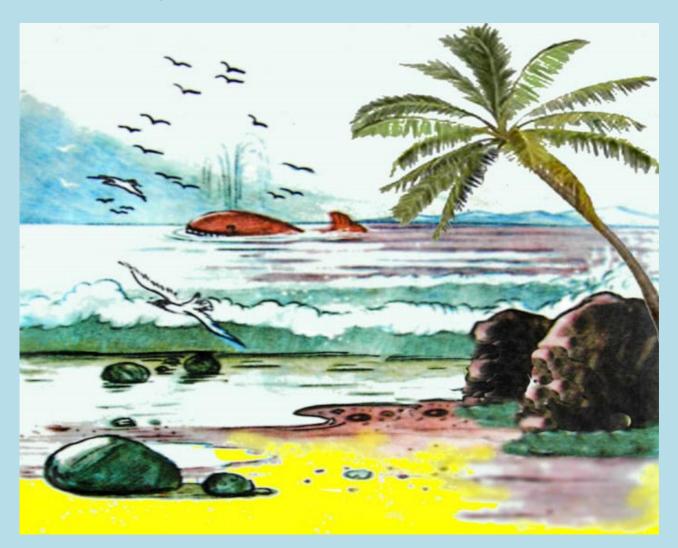




The trees hung over the stadium, forming the natural roof over the fans tribunes.



Many animal tourists from different parts of our planet came to Africa to cheer for favorite team in the World Cup. The whales for different tasty foods, which they didn't eat else, transported animals across the oceans.





For the time of the Championship a worldwide truce in the animal world was declared. The Emperor of the animals Lion Leopold the Great strictly prohibited predators to offend the herbivores. Elephants and crocodiles, rhinos and hippos supported the Emperor (by the way, hippos are biting very painfully). Even the lord of Asia and at the same time the football player of the team of this part of the world tiger Sherkhan accepted the truce, and went on a fruits and vegetables diet. After he began to play in football, tiger became is very good. But sometimes tiger even so snacked shellfish.

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