



“RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP IN EUROPE”

CONFERENCE ON CANINE OVERPOPULATION IN EUROPE
AND SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION STRATEGIES

Brussels, 4 – 5 October 2010

Sandton Hotel Leopold Brussel

Rue du Luxembourg 35

MONDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2010

09.00 Registration and coffee/tea

09.30 Welcome

Francesca Martini

Italian Ministry of Health
State Secretary

Vincenzo Caporale

Istituto G. Caporale Teramo
Director

Helmut Dungler

FOUR PAWS International
President

09.50 Key note: Human animal relationship – strategies to implement the awareness on responsible ownership of animals as sentient beings in Jordan

Her Royal Highness Alia Al Hussein of Jordan

Princess Alia Foundation

PART I : GLOBAL AND EUROPEAN RULES AND STANDARDS – STATE OF PLAY

10.15 Responsible ownership of companion animals within the animal welfare conception of the OIE

David Bayvel

OIE World Organisation for Animal Health
Chairman of the Animal Welfare Working Group

10.30 The Animal Welfare Position of the FAO on companion animals and canine overpopulation

Daniela Battaglia

FAO Food and Agriculture Organization
Head of Department Animal Welfare

10.45 The Treaty of Lisbon – a new era for Animal Welfare Policy through Art. 13

Elisabeth Jeggle, MEP

European Parliament Intergroup on the Welfare and Conservation of Animals
Vice President

11.00 Discussion

11.15 – 11.30 Coffee break

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| 11.30 | Canine overpopulation solution strategies in Italy | Romano Marabelli
Italian Ministry of Health
Head of the Department of Veterinary
Public Health, Nutrition and Food Safety
Chief Veterinary Officer |
| 11.45 | The European Convention for the Protection of Pet Animals of the Council of Europe | David Pritchard
Council of Europe
Chairman of the Standing Committee on
Animal Welfare |
| 12.00 | The new masterplan of the Animal Welfare Policy of the EU and responsible ownership as one of its key elements | Andrea Gavinelli
European Commission, DG SANCO
Head of Unit D5 |
| 12.15 | Canine overpopulation, animal health and the new animal health law | Alberto Laddomada
European Commission, DG SANCO
Head of Unit D1 |
| 12.30 | Discussion | |

13.00 – 14.00 Light Lunch Buffet

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| 14.00 | Possible consequences of EU legislation on companion animals | Sonja van Tichelen
Eurogroup for Animals
Director |
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PART II CANINE OVERPOPULATION – THE ROLE OF SCIENCE

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| 14.20 | The role of the EFSA on the assessment of animal health and welfare risks due to canine overpopulation | Oriol Ribó
EFSA European Food Safety Authority
Team Leader Animal Welfare |
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PART III CANINE OVERPOPULATION – THE ROLE OF PROFESSIONALS

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| 14.35 | The role of veterinarians in Europe regarding the solution strategies against canine overpopulation | Walter Winding
FVE Federation of Veterinarians of Europe
President |
| 15.00 | Discussion | |

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break

PART IV CANINE OVERPOPULATION – SOLUTION STRATEGY IN INDIA

- 16.00 Development of the conception of responsible dog ownership and control of canine population in India **Chinny Krishna**
Blue Cross of India
President

PART V CANINE OVERPOPULATION – TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS

- 16.15 Identification, registration and traceability of dogs **Torben Elmedal, tbc**
Europetnet
President
- 16.30 Discussion
- 17.00 End of the first conference day

19.00 Evening reception

TUESDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2010

PART VI CANINE OVERPOPULATION – SOLUTION STRATEGIES IN EUROPEAN MEMBER STATES

- 09.15 TAIEX instrument of the European Commission: examples of animal welfare events **Nicolas Lilienthal**
European Commission, DG ELARG
TAIEX
- 09.30 Canine overpopulation solution strategies in Romania **Liviu Harbuz**
College of Romanian Veterinarians
President
- 09.45 Canine overpopulation solution strategies in Bulgaria **Damyán Iliev**
Bulgarian Ministry of Agriculture and Food
Supply
Chief of the National Veterinary Service
- 10.00 Discussion

10.30 – 11.00 coffee break

PART VII ENFORCEMENT OF LEGISLATION AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS

- 11.00 The mandatory national registration of companion animals in France and enforcement experience **Christophe Buhot**
FVE Federation of Veterinarians of Europe
Vice President
- 11.15 Economic aspects of dog trade **Jørgen Hindse**
FCI Fédération Cynologique Internationale
President FCI Europe

- 11.30** Economic dimension and cost efficiency of shelters **Daciana Octavia Sarbu, MEP**
European Parliament Intergroup on the
Welfare and Conservation of Animals
Vice President
- 11.45** Discussion

PART VII SPECIFIC ACTIONS AND TOOLS AGAINST CANINE OVERPOPULATION

- 12.00** Companion Animal Welfare in natural disaster emergency management **Paolo Dalla Villa**
Istituto G.Caporale Teramo
Head of the Animal Welfare Unit
- 12.15** The CARODOG Website - knowledge management **Marlene Wartenberg**
FOUR PAWS European Policy Office
Director
- 12.30** Dog Health and Welfare as an issue for e-learning **Barbara Alessandrini**
Istituto G.Caporale Teramo
Head of the Training Unit
- 12.45** Discussion

13.00 – 14.00 light lunch

14.00 PANEL DISCUSSION: ELEMENTS AND MILESTONES FOR A EUROPEAN ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE MASTERPLAN ON RESPONSIBLE OWNERSHIP OF DOGS

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| Andrea Gavinelli | European Commission, DG SANCO, Head of Unit D5 |
| Sonja van Tichelen | Eurogroup for Animals, Director |
| Helmut Dugler | FOUR PAWS International, President |
| Paolo Dalla Villa | Istituto G.Caporale Teramo, Head of the Animal Welfare Unit |
| Torben Elmedal | Europetnet, President |
| Eric Van Tilburgh | Belgian Ministry of Health, Animal Welfare Department |
| Chair Hajo Friedrich | Journalist |

15.30 End of conference