



“RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP IN EUROPE”

CONFERENCE ON CANINE OVERPOPULATION IN EUROPE AND SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION STRATEGIES

Brussels, 4 – 5 October 2010

**Sandton Hotel Leopold Brussel
Room “Elisabeth”
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:
Animal Birth Control (ABC) Programme in Amman

Her Royal Highness Alia Al Hussein of Jordan

Shtora Al Adwan

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 (recorded)

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

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

14.00 New action for companion animals in the EU

Sonja van Tichelen

Eurogroup for Animals
Director

PART II CANINE OVERPOPULATION – THE ROLE OF SCIENCE

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

PART III CANINE OVERPOPULATION – THE ROLE OF PROFESSIONALS

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 in Europe **Torben Elmedal**
Europetnet
President
- Identification and reunification solution of companion animals around the world **Catherine Stahl**
Datamars (Petmaxx)
Marketing Manager
- 16.30 Discussion
- 17.00 End of the first conference day

19.00 Evening reception

Room “La Terrasse”

Sandton Hotel Leopold

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 **Damyan 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

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| 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

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| 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 Termao
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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| Christophe Buhot | FVE Federation of Veterinarians of Europe, Vice President |
| Paolo Dalla Villa | Istituto G.Caporale Teramo, Head of the Animal Welfare Unit |
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| Torben Elmedal | Europetnet, President |
| Andrea Gavinelli | European Commission, DG SANCO, Head of Unit D5 |
| Eric Van Tilburgh | Belgian Ministry of Health, Animal Welfare Department |
| Chair | Hajo Friedrich
Journalist |

15.30 End of conference