



CARODog 2nd technical workshop
Teramo (Italy), 17-18 November 2011

Canine traceability in the EU
Towards an EU-wide compatible I&R system

Companion Animal Responsible Ownership
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Introduction

The CAROdog project started in September 2010, with the launch of the first website on Companion Animal Responsible Ownership and the organisation of the Conference on Responsible Dog Ownership in Europe of October 2010. The aim of the project is to develop activities for the promotion of dog welfare in Europe, through the promotion of responsible ownership and in the framework of a no-kill approach.

After 1 year of activity, the CAROdog website received 14,595 visits by over 7,988 visitors from 115 Countries.

In May 2011, a second conference was held in Vilnius on animal welfare in the Baltic Region. Both the October 2010 and May 2011 conferences were attended beyond expectations and generated lively dialogue.

Among the initiatives promoted within the CAROdog framework, a first round table of representatives of national, EU and international organisations working on databases for companion animals met in September 2010 in Brussels, to discuss the issue of Identification and Registration (I&R) of companion animals, particularly dogs.

The issue of I&R has implications for animal health and welfare, and for the promotion of responsible ownership of companion animals. The September 2010 meeting originated a statement co-signed by the participating organisations, calling the EU to adopt mandatory identification, registration and traceability of companion animals through European-wide compatible systems of data management.

The statement also announced that the signatories ‘will consider the opportunity of organising a workshop on identification, registration and traceability of companion animals in Europe’.

This workshop will therefore serve the purpose of sharing updates about the evolution of debates and activities related to I&R in Europe, and to discuss how specific aspects of I&R can form part of future EU normative.

More specifically, the questions the participants will try to answer are related to:

1. Legal basis and framework
2. Technologies and information systems
3. Management, implementation and enforcement
4. Socio-economic implications
5. Information, education and training
6. One Health

Existing databases already in use in different Countries will be analysed, in order to identify positive aspects and problems to discuss further, but also the possibility of creating an EU-wide database effectively implemented in all Member States and other European Countries.

The workshop should eventually produce a document providing practical suggestions for the inclusion of an EU-wide I&R system in the upcoming Animal Health Law and in the Animal Welfare Strategy of the European Union.

Participation

All travel, board and lodging costs for the participation in the technical workshop will be covered by the hosting Institution.

Participants are kindly requested to respect the following deadlines in providing their contributions:

- **October 5th, 2011:** confirmation of participation
- **October 31st, 2011:** forwarding of an abstract of their presentation (one abstract per each presentation, if more than one is requested). Abstracts should be of about 600 words. They should contain title, name of author/s, key words, text, references (if needed). The text should include a description of the objectives of the presentation and a conclusion paragraph describing the key elements for an EU wide system with reference to the dealt subject. Authors are also requested to send a short profile, describing their expertise and current activity.
- **November 4th, 2011:** forwarding of a power-point presentation suitable for a 10 minute-presentation. Authors are requested to dedicate the final slides to the description of the key elements for an EU wide system with reference to the dealt subject. A discussion will follow each technical session.

Chairmen are requested to prepare a 5 minutes introduction to the session they are responsible for, to introduce the speakers and to manage the final discussion, leading to a short conclusion.

Rapporteurs are requested to take note of the ongoing discussion and to sum up it in a word file, to be used in the final session.

Draft agenda

November 17th, 2011

Time	Subject	Speaker
09.00	Welcome address	Rossella Lelli <i>Director, ICT</i>
General framework		
09.10-10.00		
	Background and introduction to methods, aims and expected outcomes of the workshop	Paolo Dalla Villa <i>ICT</i>
	European policy framework to achieve dog identification and registration	Marlene Wartenberg <i>Vier Pfoten International</i>
	SANCO approach to dog identification and registration	Laszlo Kuster <i>Animal Health Unit</i> <i>DG SANCO, European Commission</i>
Session 1. Legal basis and framework		
10.00-11.00		
Chairman: Paolo Dalla Villa Rapporteur: Shanis Barnard		
	Legal basis and framework at EU country level: similarities and differences	Marlene Wartenberg <i>Vier Pfoten International</i>
	Example of legislation enforcement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - from a federal State - from an EU founder Country - from a new EU member State 	Spain: Maria Catalan, <i>MoA</i> Italy: Rosalba Matassa, Giandomenico Di Vito (to be held on the 18th), <i>MoH</i> Slovenia: Mitja Sedlbauer, <i>MoA</i>
11.00	Coffee-break	
Session 2. Technologies and information systems		
11.30-12.30		
Chairman: Paolo Dalla Villa Rapporteur: Stefano Messori		
	Dog electronic identification and registration in the framework of ISO standards	Sven Hüther <i>Planet ID GmbH</i>
	Technologic requirements and infrastructure to manage a dog I&R system	Luigi Possenti <i>ICT</i>
Session 3. Management, implementation and enforcement (part 1)		
12.30-13.30		
Chairman: Marlene Wartenberg Rapporteur: Adolfo Sansolini		
	EU common minimum standards, towards a European dog I&R system	Torben Elmedal <i>Europetnet</i>
	Lessons learnt in implementation and enforcement: the Belgian example	Els Vanautryve <i>Belgian MoH</i>
	Veterinarian responsibilities and role in the framework of a dog I&R system and outcomes from an FVE survey	Marc Buchet <i>FVE</i>
13.30	Lunch	

Session 3. Management, implementation and enforcement (part 2)
14.30-15.30

Chairman: Marlene Wartenberg

Rapporteur: Shanis Barnard

	From TRACES to an EU dog I&R: what can be adopted	Rosalba Matassa, Giandomenico Di Vito, <i>Italian MoH</i> (To be moved on November 18)
	The importance of dog traceability in epidemic emergencies	Ernst Stifter <i>Veterinary services, Bolzano Province, Italy</i>
	Compulsory vs voluntary I&R systems	Les Eckford <i>Welsh Assembly Government</i>

Session 4. Socio-economic implications (part 1)**15.30-16.30**

Chairman: Barbara Alessandrini

Rapporteur: Elisa Di Fedè

	Social implications of responsible dog ownership in the framework of a dog I&R system	Mara Miele <i>Cardiff University, UK</i>
	Economic benefits of dog I&R	Philip McCreight <i>TASSO</i>
	Impact of dog I&R on breeding	Shanis Barnard <i>ICT</i>
16.30	Coffee break	

Session 4. Socio-economic implications (part 2)**17.00-17.30**

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	Implications of dog I&R on the market: e.g. illegal puppy trade	David Bowles <i>RSPCA</i>
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Group assessment on the main achievements of day 1**17.30-18.30**

November 18th, 2011

Time	Subject	Speaker
Session 5. Information, education and training		
08.30-10.00		
Chairman: Adolfo Sansolini		
Rapporteur: Elisa Di Fede		
	Examples of public information campaigns	Ernst Stifter, Mitja Sedlbauer
	Education campaigns towards specific targets: primary school children	Ombretta Pediconi <i>ICT</i>
	Education campaigns towards specific targets: adults	David Bowles <i>RSPCA</i>
	Training on I&R. New methods	Barbara Alessandrini <i>ICT</i>
	Presentations postponed from November 17	Rosalba Matassa, Giandomenico Di Vito <i>Italian MoH</i>
Session 6. One Health		
10.00-10.30		
Chairman: Marlene Wartenberg		
Rapporteur: Stefano Messori		
	Dog I&R role in the One Health concept	Paolo Dalla Villa <i>ICT</i>
Elaboration of specific proposals for the inclusion on an EU-wide I&R system in the Animal Health Law and in the Animal Welfare Strategy		
10.30-11.30		
11.30	Brunch	
12.00	Departure to the airport	

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