"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

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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

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
12.3O	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**

Christophe Buhot	FVE Federation of Veterinarians of Europe, Vice President
Paolo Dalla Villa	Istituto G.Caporale Teramo, Head of the Animal Welfare Unit
Helmut Dungler	FOUR PAWS International, President
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