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## “Traceability as consumers’ right for information”

### FVE perspective

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## Puppy trade WG

- Joint initiative between:
  - European Association State Veterinary Officers
  - European Association Veterinary Practitioners
  - Federation of European Companion Animal Veterinary Associations (FECAVA)
  - Eurogroup for animals
  - FVE
- Group did two surveys regarding the trade of puppies in 2009-2010

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## Outcome puppy trade survey amongst practitioners (1/2)

- >400 replies 17 countries
- Most vets see up to 10 puppies a month, only a limited nr see many more
- Mostly for routine health check (incl vaccinations and deworming)
- Most pups come from local breeders but origin pup is not always clear
- In some countries puppy farming plays a role, in others not; idem internet trade

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## Outcome puppy trade survey amongst practitioners (2/2)

- Difference AH & AW imported versus non-imported pups: not statistically
- ‘Suspicious’ if
  - origin unclear,
  - bitch was not shown,
  - too many litters per year,
  - too many breeds from one breeder
- Inaccurate or forged certificates and vaccination was frequently reported



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## Outcome puppy trade survey amongst state veterinary officers

- Controls: border police & vets, in inspection programs
- Most observed irregularities:
  - Mostly incorrect documentation
  - Mutilations
  - Health and welfare problems
- Authorisation procedures breeders and pet shops and inspections done differ a lot
- Internet trade hardly possible to control

Source	AH & A	! is"	Specific solutions	#eneral possi\$le solutions
Breeders • Puppy farms • Traders • (House breeders)	**/**	***	-Efficient registration of breeders and pet shops -Regular inspections of breeders and pet shops -Better use of traces	-Identification and registration -Focal point to direct complaints (from public, vet practices, etc)
Individual import third country by owner	***	(Danger rabies and other exotic diseases)	-More road controls -Awareness campaigns	-Owner awareness • Carodog • BVA guideline • Owner suitability Test • Puppy parties • Free puppy check
Sale on markets and pet shops	**/**	(Prohibited in some countries)	-More controls and sanctions -Trader awareness	-More veterinary controls -Clarification travel rules
Charities importing from third countries and ...	**/**	Danger rabies, zoonotic and other exotic diseases Welfare	-Training for all persons handling animals -Cooperation between authorities within a country and between countries	
Internet	***		-Publish/video warning -Label -Market focal points for complaints	

**atri/ Source! is"0Solutions**

Compulsory identification and registration for dogs <sup>1</sup>	replies	percentage
Yes	24 (13 in 2010)	55 %
In process	7	16 %
No	10	23 %
No answer	3	7 %
Total	44	100 %

**Obligatory I&R is implemented in many countries.**

Compulsory identification and registration for cats <sup>1</sup>	replies	percentage
Yes	4	9 %
In process	7	16 %
No	21	48 %
No answer	12	27 %
Total	44	100 %

**Cats I&R is lagging far behind dogs.**

### CALLISTO

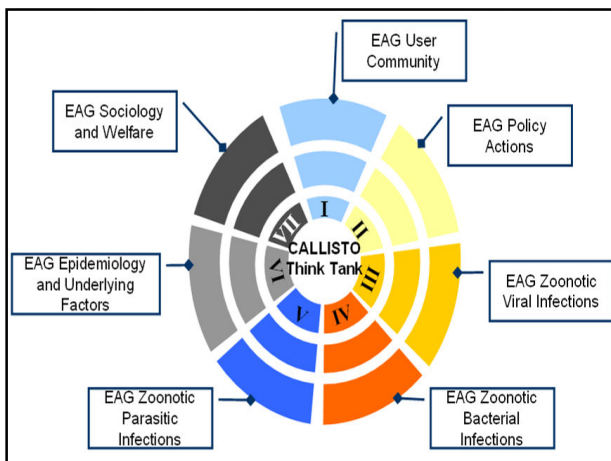
The role of companion animals in the transmission of diseases to people and to food producing animals

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### Aims and expected impact

- **Think tank:** Multidisciplinary and multisectorial interprofessional network of experts
- To provide an overview of the current situation
- To propose targeted **actions to prevent, reduce, eliminate health risks** for humans and food animals **associated with keeping companion animals**
- Transfer of knowledge to different layers of society

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### 5 Annual Cycles

- Chairs Expert Advisory Groups (EAG) decide on common goals
- EAGs meet to make their work plan: work is done and reported
- All EAG reports are put together: Cross EAG synthesis reports
- CALLISTO Conference
- CALLISTO Strategy report

✓ Current situation  
✓ Gaps and Risks  
✓ Actions to mitigate these risks

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### 4<sup>th</sup> of selected paradigmatic diseases

- **Viral Diseases**
  - Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever virus
  - West – Nile virus
  - Foot and Mouth disease virus
  - Rabies virus
  - Bluetongue virus
- **Parasitic diseases**
  - Ehinococcus granulosus sensu lato
  - Leishmania infantum
  - Toxoplasma gondii
  - Giardia species
  - Toxocara canis - cati

### 4<sup>th</sup> of selected paradigmatic diseases (2)

- **Bacterial Diseases**
  - Campylobacter jejuni
  - Leptospira interrogans sensu lato
  - Salmonella enterica
  - Bartonella henselae
  - ESBL
- **Bite wound infections**

### Second Conference

23 – 24 – 25 October 2013

In Brussels

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### I & R is a cornerstone

- ✓ Not only important for AW!
- ✓ I & R is an
  - ✓ Animal health and disease control issue
  - ✓ Public health issue
  - ✓ Owners issue
  - ✓ Disaster management issue
  - ✓ Environmental issues
- ✓ Essential component of responsible ownership

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### *Lets learn from previous experience*



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