



**First Parliamentary Forum on Feline Protection**  
**24<sup>th</sup> April 2015**  
**Congress of Deputies – Madrid**

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***Background information***

*2015 is an important election year at the local and national level in Spain: municipal elections will take place on the 24<sup>th</sup> May; general elections will take place before the 20<sup>th</sup> December. APDDA is aware of the feline overpopulation issue in Spain, and has decided to organize this forum in order to put the subject on the political agenda. By organising this event APDDA seeks to provide all stakeholders, mainly municipalities and NGOs, with an opportunity to discuss and reflect on practical considerations related to cat responsible ownership and TNR programmes, making all political groups aware that this is a relevant issue with a strong impact both on the community and on cats' welfare.*

**PROGRAMME**

15.

*Press conference*

**15.15**

**Welcome**

**15.30**

**Session 1 - Presentation of the Feline Manifesto**

The first Feline Manifesto ever presented at the Spanish Parliament: 10 points to gradually achieve responsible cat ownership and the ethical management of feline overpopulation.

Agnes Dufau (CAROcat – Vier Pforten EPO); Chesus Yuste (APDDA)

**16.30**

**Session 2 - Cat colonies: scientific and legal aspects of feline colonies.**

Salva Cervantes (Veterinarian - Barcelona). Spanish Feline Veterinarians Group (Gemfe). Statement on managed colonies.

Raquel Gomez (Lawyer – Murcia). Legal aspects of cat colonies and the crimes and offenses cats can be victims of.

Irene Herrero (ANAA – Madrid). NGOs working with the public administration on cat colonies management: best practices.

Chair: Leonardo Anselmi (Franz Weber Foundation)

*17.30 Coffee break*

**18.00**

**Session 3 – Examples of collaboration between public administrations and NGOs**

How public administrations and NGOs can work together to manage the feline overpopulation issue in an ethical way.

Participants: Representatives from the municipalities of Malaga, Valladolid ,and Madrid.

Chair: Mario Bedera (APDDA)

**19.00**

**Conference close**

The event will take place in the Ernest Lluch conference room of the Spanish Parliament, with a capacity of 250 participants.



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