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Agenda of the Conference

“Welfare of dogs and cats involved in commercial practices”

Date: Thursday, November 12, 2015
Where: Representation of State of Baden-Württemberg to the European Union,
Rue Belliard 60-62, 1040 Brussels (Belgium), Tel. 0032 2 741 7711

Programme:

09:00 – 09:30 *Registration – Coffee and tea*

09:30 – 09:50 **Welcome and opening**

Johannes Jung, Head of the Representation of the State of Baden-Württemberg to the EU

Dr. Cornelia Jäger, Animal Welfare Commissioner of the State of Baden-Württemberg, Germany

Dr. Andrea Gavinelli, European Commission, DG SANTE, Head of Unit G3, Animal Welfare

09:50 – 10:30 **General introduction**

Dr. Andrea Gavinelli, European Commission, DG SANTE, Head of Unit G3, Animal Welfare
Presentation of the outcome of the Commission-study on the welfare of dogs and cats involved in commercial practices

10:30 – 11:00 **Part I: Commercial Practices – Status quo in breeding, keeping and trade of cats and dogs in the Internal Market**

Moderation: **Dr. Martin Hartmann**, Chief Veterinary Officer of the State of Baden-Württemberg,

Speakers:

- **Voices of multiple European citizens (Video Clip)**, having bought a puppy involved in illegal commercial practices
European citizens experience with puppy trade
- **Dr. Claudia Veit**, Veterinary Surgeon in Heidelberg, Baden-Württemberg, and Delegate Representative of the Veterinarian Chamber (LTK) of Baden-Württemberg
Diseases and sick animals – Intra-community puppy trade challenges Veterinary Surgeons

- **Sophie Duthoit**, EU Legal Research Officer, European Policy Office, VIER PFOTEN, Brussels
The online trade of dogs and cats in Europe – the imbalance of the dog/cat market in favour of the smugglers and non-professional breeders

11:00 – 11:15

Discussion

11:15 – 11:40

Coffee break

11:40 – 12:40

**Part II: Commercial Breeding and Trade of pets –
Member States' and Regions' perspectives and actions**

Moderation:

Dr. Félix Wildschutz, Council Presidency (Luxemburg), Chief Veterinary Officer of the State of Luxemburg

Speakers:

- **Michael Sheahan**, Veterinary Officer, Ireland
Ireland: recent experiences of monitoring of international puppy trade
- **Nicolas Entrup**, Vienna, Austria, presenting results of the study, commissioned by the Animal Welfare Commissioner of the City of Vienna
Online trade in animals kept as pets in Vienna
- **Eric van Tilburgh**, Head of the Animal Welfare Division of the Belgian Federal Public Service of Public Health (FPS), Belgium
Control of dogs and cats in (inter) national trade
- **Dr. Alexandra Börner**, Head of the Veterinary Authority of the City of Karlsruhe, Germany
Germany as transit member state for the international puppy trade – a case study

12:40 – 12:55

Discussion

12:55 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 15:00

**Part III: Solution strategies –
approaches from different angles**

Moderation:

Dr. Monique Megens, DVM, President, Federation of European Companion Animal Veterinary Associations (FECAVA)

Speakers:

- **Dr. Rafael Laguens**, President, Federation of Veterinarians in Europe (FVE)
How can the administrative authorities trigger better enforcement
- **Reineke Hameleers**, Eurogroup for Animals, Animal Welfare Umbrella Organisation
How can NGOs support administration authorities: a win-win-situation
- **Jörg Bartscherer**, CEO, German breeders' association VdH (Verband für das deutsche Hundewesen)
Responsibility in breeding and trade: good puppy breeding practice
- **Dr. Stephanie Rach**, German Veterinary Association for Animal Welfare (Tierärztliche Vereinigung für Tierschutz e. V., (TVT),
The German veterinary association for animal welfare (TVT) – tools to improve enforcement of existing animal welfare and animal disease control regulations

15:00 – 15:15

Discussion

15:15 – 15:30

Coffee break

15:30 – 16:30

Part IV: Sustainable options for commercial practices (Communiqué) and further steps– Panel discussion

Moderation:

Dr. Marlene Wartenberg, Consultant, European Policy Office, VIER PFOTEN

Presentation of the Communiqué

Speakers:

- **Janusz Wojciechowski MEP**, Member of European Parliament (EPP /PL)
Chair of the Intergroup on Animal Welfare and of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development of the European Parliament
Discussion about commercial practices in European Parliament (AWS & AHS and follow-ups)
- **Dr. Andrea Gavinelli**, European Commission, DG SANTE, Head of Unit G3, Animal Welfare
- **Philip McCreight**, CEO TASSO e. V. German, Animal Welfare Organisation
Registration of Pets as a key component to secure trade
- **Dr. Félix Wildschutz**, Council Presidency (Luxemburg), Permanent Representation of Luxemburg to the EU in Brussels

16:30 – 17:00

Discussion and Adoption of Communiqué

17.15

Resume of the day

Speakers:

- **Dr. Jouke Knol**, upcoming Council Presidency (the Netherlands), Permanent Representation of the Netherlands to the EU in Brussels
What do we head for?

Agenda accurate to 12:00h of 26-10-2015