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the Animal Welfare Officer of the Federal State of Baden-Württemberg, Dr. Cornelia Jäger, and the Director European Policy Office VIER PFOTEN, Dr. Marlene Wartenberg, would like to cordially invite you to a workshop titled:

**„Stray Animals – our sentient fellow creatures”
on Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 9:30 h
at the premises of the Representation of the State of Baden-Württemberg to the EU
Rue Belliard 60-62, 1040 Brussels.**

European Veterinary Legislation focusses on animals kept for farming purposes. Concerning companion animals, such as dogs and cats, it is missing out animal welfare aspects. This is because the legal competence of the EU is – up to now - almost limited to health and trade issues.

However, the general provision of Art. 13 of the Treaty of the Function of the EU (TFEU) though is stating animals as sentient beings. This ethical term is not limited to certain species and is to be applied to all animals: human responsibility for animals cannot be divided by species.

In Europe, not all dogs and cats are kept in private households and under sufficient conditions. Often they are abandoned, forced to live on the street or brought to animal shelters. In some Member States with canine and feline overpopulation, these animals suffer from brutal treatment or strong neglect.

Cats and dogs belong to the eldest domesticated animal species since 35 000 years. In the 21th century, killing of stray animals is no more accepted uncritically all over Europe. The discussion about the situation of stray animals in Europe has therefore become a highly important topic for a vast majority of European citizens. NGOs are supporting reasonable solutions for stray animals by sustainable neutring projects, running shelters and promoting adoptions. Recently, first Member States have started National Action Plans

Together with experts from several Member States, Members of European Parliament, the European Commission, Scientists, European Veterinary Associations and NGOs we would like to discuss sustainable and feasible solutions within Europe to control canine stray populations.

Please confirm your participation by April 7, 2014 at the latest via e-mail to alexandra.kostorz@bruessel.bwl.de

[I will participate](#)

[I will not participate](#)

Please find attached agenda including the invited participants, most of whom have already confirmed their participation. The final list of participants will be sent before the event.

Sincerely, *The Event Team of the Representation of the State of Baden-Württemberg to the EU*

Draft Agenda

Workshop: “Stray Animals – our sentient fellow creatures”

Date: 10. April 2014

Where: Representation of State of Baden-Württemberg to the European Union,
Rue Belliard 60-62, 1040 Brussels - Belgium

Programme:

09:30 – 10.00 *Registration – Coffee and tea*

10.00 - 10.15	Welcome and introduction
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Johannes Jung, Head of the Representation of the State of Baden-Württemberg to the EU in Brussels

Dr. Cornelia Jäger, Animal Welfare Commissioner of the Federal State of Baden-Württemberg (vertreten durch Dr. Christoph Maisack, Deputy Animal Welfare Commissioner of the Federal State of Baden-Württemberg)

10:15 – 11.15	Part I: European framework – status quo and outlook
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Moderation: **Dr. Karin Hipper**, Policy Officer, Representation of the State of Baden-Württemberg to the EU

Speakers:

- **N.N., OIE (tbc)**
The future EU Strategy of the OIE
- **Dr. Andrea Gavinelli**, Head of Unit G3 Animal Welfare,
European Commission - DG SANCO
Animal Welfare and Health Policy of the EU
- **Elisabeth Jeggle MEP** (EPP / Baden-Württemberg (DE)),
Member of the Intergroup on Animal Welfare and of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development of the European Parliament
Discussion about stray animals in the European Parliament since 2007
- **Dr. Gieri Bolliger**, LL.M. AW Law, Executive Officer of “Tier im Recht”, Zürich, Switzerland
The European Pet Convention – up to date?

11:15 – 11:30 **Discussion**

11:30 – 12:00 *Coffee break*

12:00 – 13:00

Part II: Animals in society, law and enforcement: diverse perceptions

Moderation:

Dr. Martin Hartmann, Chief Veterinary Officer of Baden-Württemberg (DE),
Ministry of Rural Affairs and Consumer Protection of the State of Baden-Württemberg, Germany

Speakers:

- **Prof. Dr. Kurt Kotrschal**, Director of the Konrad Lorenz Research Station in
How to distinguish between wild and domestic animals - effects on resulting responsibilities
- **Dr. Paolo Dalla Villa**, European Commission, DG SANCO Unit G3 Animal Welfare
Stray population management in disaster relief situations
- **Veronica Tulpan**, Head of Programmes VIER PFOTEN Romania
Obstacles by the new law and in managing stray dog population in Romania
- **Irimi Molfessi**, President, Pan-Hellenic Animal Welfare Foundation
Obstacles by the new law and in managing stray dog population in Greece

13:00 – 13:15

Discussion

13:15– 14.15

Lunch

14:15 – 15.15

Part III: Best Practices in Member States

Moderation:

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

Speakers:

- **Yordonka Fandakova**, Mayor of Sofia, Bulgaria
Stray dogs in Sofia
- **Dr. Rosalba Matassa**, Head of Animal Welfare Unit, Ministry of Health, Italy
The protection of cats under Italian law and the population management
- **Sara Turetta**, President of Save the Dogs, Romania
Map of municipality shelters
- **Frank Meuser**, Head of Berlin Office, Deutscher Tierschutzbund e.V., Germany
Presentation of the Odessa stray animals project in Ukraine

15:15– 15:30

Discussion

15:30 – 15:45

Coffee break

15:45 – 16.15

Part IV: Solution Strategies

Moderation:

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

Speakers:

- **Dr. ir. Ester Peeters**, Scientific advisor for the Animal Welfare Council, Belgium
The multiannual cat plan of Belgium
- **N. n.**, Bulgaria
The long term political approach in Bulgaria on stray dog population control and the new national action plan

16:15 – 16:30

Discussion