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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*