**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

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**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**

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**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  
  *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?*

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