“RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP IN EUROPE”
CONFERENCE ON CANINE OVERPOPULATION IN EUROPE AND SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION STRATEGIES
Brussels, 4 – 5 October 2010
Sandton Hotel Leopold Brussel
Room “Elisabeth”
Rue du Luxembourg 35

MONDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2010

09.00 Registration and coffee/tea

09.30 Welcome
Francesca Martini
Italian Ministry of Health
State Secretary
Vincenzo Caporale
Istituto G. Caporale Teramo
Director
Helmut Dungler
FOUR PAWS International
President

09.50 Key note: Human animal relationship – strategies to implement the awareness on responsible ownership of animals as sentient beings in Jordan: Animal Birth Control (ABC) Programme in Amman
Her Royal Highness Alia Al Hussein of Jordan
Shtora Al Adwan
Princess Alia Foundation

PART I : GLOBAL AND EUROPEAN RULES AND STANDARDS – STATE OF PLAY

10.15 Responsible ownership of companion animals within the animal welfare conception of the OIE
David Bayvel (recorded)
OIE World Organisation for Animal Health
Chairman of the Animal Welfare Working Group

10.30 The Animal Welfare Position of the FAO on companion animals and canine overpopulation
Daniela Battaglia
FAO Food and Agriculture Organization
Head of Department Animal Welfare

Elisabeth Jeggle, MEP
European Parliament Intergroup on the Welfare and Conservation of Animals
Vice President
11.00 Discussion

11.15 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 Canine overpopulation solution strategies in Italy
Romano Marabelli
Italian Ministry of Health
Head of the Department of Veterinary Public Health, Nutrition and Food Safety
Chief Veterinary Officer

11.45 The European Convention for the Protection of Pet Animals of the Council of Europe
David Pritchard
Council of Europe
Chairman of the Standing Committee on Animal Welfare

12.00 The new masterplan of the Animal Welfare Policy of the EU and responsible ownership as one of its key elements
Andrea Gavini
European Commission, DG SANCO
Head of Unit D5

12.15 Canine overpopulation, animal health and the new animal health law
Alberto Laddomada
European Commission, DG SANCO
Head of Unit D1

12.30 Discussion

13.00 – 14.00 Light Lunch Buffet

14.00 New action for companion animals in the EU
Sonja van Tichelen
Eurogroup for Animals
Director

PART II CANINE OVERPOPULATION – THE ROLE OF SCIENCE

14.20 The role of the EFSA on the assessment of animal health and welfare risks due to canine overpopulation
Oriol Ribó
EFSA European Food Safety Authority
Team Leader Animal Welfare

PART III CANINE OVERPOPULATION – THE ROLE OF PROFESSIONALS

14.35 The role of veterinarians in Europe regarding the solution strategies against canine overpopulation
Walter Winding
FVE Federation of Veterinarians of Europe
President

15.00 Discussion

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break
PART IV  CANINE OVERPOPULATION – SOLUTION STRATEGY IN INDIA

16.00  Development of the conception of responsible dog ownership and control of canine population in India  
Chinny Krishna  
Blue Cross of India  
President

PART V  CANINE OVERPOPULATION – TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS

16.15  Identification, registration and traceability of dogs in Europe  
Identification and reunification solution of companion animals around the world  
Torben Elmedal  
Europetnet  
President  
Catherine Stahl  
Datamars (Petmaxx)  
Marketing Manager

16.30  Discussion
17.00  End of the first conference day

19.00 Evening reception

Room “La Terrasse”
Sandton Hotel Leopold

TUESDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2010

PART VI CANINE OVERPOPULATION – SOLUTION STRATEGIES IN EUROPEAN MEMBER STATES

09.15  TAIEX instrument of the European Commission: examples of animal welfare events  
Nicolas Lilienthal  
European Commission, DG ELARG TAIEX

09.30  Canine overpopulation solution strategies in Romania  
Liviu Harbuz  
College of Romanian Veterinarians  
President

09.45  Canine overpopulation solution strategies in Bulgaria  
Damyan Iliev  
Bulgarian Ministry of Agriculture and Food Supply  
Chief of the National Veterinary Service

10.00  Discussion

10.30 – 11.00 coffee break
PART VII ENFORCEMENT OF LEGISLATION AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS

11.00 The mandatory national registration of companion animals in France and enforcement experience  
Christophe Buhot  
FVE Federation of Veterinarians of Europe  
Vice President

11.15 Economic aspects of dog trade  
Jørgen Hindse  
FCI Fédération Cynologique Internationale  
President FCI Europe

11.30 Economic dimension and cost efficiency of shelters  
Daciana Octavia Sarbu, MEP  
European Parliament Intergroup on the Welfare and Conservation of Animals  
Vice President

11.45 Discussion

PART VII SPECIFIC ACTIONS AND TOOLS AGAINST CANINE OVERPOPULATION

12.00 Companion Animal Welfare in natural disaster emergency management  
Paolo Dalla Villa  
Istituto G.Caporale Teramo  
Head of the Animal Welfare Unit

12.15 The CARODOG Website - knowledge management  
Marlene Wartenberg  
FOUR PAWS European Policy Office Director

12.30 Dog Health and Welfare as an issue for e-learning  
Barbara Alessandrini  
Istituto G.Caporale Teramo  
Head of the Training Unit

12.45 Discussion

13.00 – 14.00 light lunch

14.00 PANEL DISCUSSION: ELEMENTS AND MILESTONES FOR A EUROPEAN ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE MASTERPLAN ON RESPONSIBLE OWNERSHIP OF DOGS

Christophe Buhot  
FVE Federation of Veterinarians of Europe, Vice President

Paolo Dalla Villa  
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Torben Elmedal  
Europetnet, President

Andrea Gavinelli  
European Commission, DG SANCO, Head of Unit D5

Eric Van Tilburgh  
Belgian Ministry of Health, Animal Welfare Department

Chair  
Hajo Friedrich  
Journalist

15.30 End of conference