



WOAH GLOBAL ANIMAL WELFARE STRATEGY (GAWS)

VISION

A world where the welfare of animals is respected, promoted and advanced, in ways that complement the pursuit of animal health, human well-being, socio-economic development and environmental sustainability.

BACKGROUND

- Adopted in May 2017
- To provide continuing direction and coordination to WOAH in animal welfare.
- Based on four strategic pillars.
- Specific activities are developed for each strategic pillar to support the implementation of the Strategy.

GAWS STRATEGIC PILLARS

Development of animal welfare standards

The WOAH supports Members to implement animal welfare standards through training, advice, regional networks, Collaborating Centres and the outputs of the WOAH Observatory.



DEVELOPMENT OF ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS



Activity example



Adoption of the revised Chapter 7.7. Dog population management in 2022

Capacity building and education

The WOAH provides a variety of training activities for Members. It also develops and disseminates materials for animal welfare trainings and capacity building directed at all those who care for animals.



CAPACITY BUILDING AND EDUCATION



Activity example



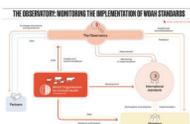
National Animal Welfare Focal Points Training Seminars

Implementation of animal welfare standards

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IMPLEMENTATION OF ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS AND POLICIES



Activity example



Observatory Thematic study on animal transport

- (i) assessing to what extent the standards related to transport of live animals are implemented in countries/territories;
- (ii) seek for feedback on countries/territories' overall experience with these standards (what factors facilitate their implementation versus what barriers prevent their implementation).

Communication

The WOAH communicates with governments, international and regional organisations, non-governmental organisations and the private sector to foster awareness of WOAH animal welfare standards.



COMMUNICATION WITH GOVERNMENTS, ORGANISATIONS AND THE PUBLIC



To bring together members of the animal welfare research community, the global animal welfare movement and the global animal welfare food sector to debate openly on topics relevant to animal welfare.

Activity example



WOAH Global Animal Welfare Forum

- *Supporting implementation of OIE Standards' (2018)
- *'Animal Transport; a shared responsibility' (2019)
- *'Animal welfare and the United Nation Sustainable Development Goals' (2021)
- *'Animal Welfare Economics' (2022)

"GAWS IN ACTION"

Integration of WOAH activities regarding animal welfare during transport, through the GAWS pillars



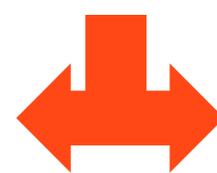
Outcomes of the 2nd WOAH Global Animal Welfare Forum : 'Animal Transport' ; a shared responsibility'.



Revision of Chapter 7.2., 7.3., and 7.4., Animal transport by Sea, Land and Air. Inclusion in the TAHSC Work programme.



Observatory Thematic study on animal transport



Whole Journey Scenario workshops and Training of Trainers (ToT) on animal transport.



WE WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS AND IDEAS!