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FVE Animal Welfare Update

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Dear Colleagues, Friends,

To my great regret I cannot join you for this 3th consultation meeting. The reason is that we have our General Assembly in Tallinn and the moment you are meeting, we are flying direction Estonia.

In this document, I want to very briefly summarise our input.

Most of the Animal Welfare work within FVE is done through are Animal Welfare Working group, which was renewed in 2016 and decided upon an action plan for 2017-2020 (see annex).

More specifically **in the field of working equids**, we are working on:

- Transport guidelines for horses and factsheets (transport guides project, see later)
- Through FEEVA (the federation of equine veterinary associations) which specifically focuses on end-of-life and responsible ownership and breeding
- Through EHN (European Horse Network)
- Possible future topic for collaboration with 4pfoten and ISZ.

More specifically in the field of disaster management:

- FVE did together with many other actors a conference on this topic in 2015. See more information:

<http://www.fve.org/events/index.php?item=73>

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- FVE especially promotes a ‘One Health Approach’ and good preparation for potential disasters. I will attach the final conclusions of this conference.
- We also wrote as follow-up a letter to all ministers involved with Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management with a request to take a ‘One Health’ approach and to not forget animals in disaster preparation.

Last I want to give you a short update on the **Transport Guides Project**.

FVE is core group member of the [Animal Transport Guides project](#) together with Eurogroup for Animals, Wageningen, CRPA and IRU. This EU 3-year project started in May 2015 until May 2018 has as aim to develop guides of good and better practice for horses, cattle, sheep, poultry and pigs. We are now at a critical moment of the project, namely the guides have been developed (awaiting European Commission adoption), 18 factsheets are ready and educational videos are almost ready. From after summer, we will start to disseminate all this materials as widely as possible. Materials will be available in 8 languages (EN, FR, ES, PO, GR, DE, IT, RO).

Can any of you help us disseminating the materials? We want to get them to as much drivers, transporters, farmers and other persons involved in animal transport.

Other projects we are working hard on that might interest you are:

- Doing a survey on tail docking and enrichment materials
- Working on pig castration
- On Internet trade of companion animals (together with 4pfoten)
- On the link between animal and human abuse
- On a position paper re the killing of unwanted animals.

If you have any questions or want to discuss any of these points, feel free to contact me on nancy@fve.org.

Wishing you a good meeting!

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Annex I: FVE Animal Welfare Action points 2017-2020

TOPIC	Progress report
COMPANION ANIMALS	
Genetic and hereditary diseases companion animals	Framework drafted
Responsible breeding companion animals	
Veterinary involvement in neutering projects	First draft – adoption Spring GA 2018?
EDUCATION	
Vet education: check take up model AW curriculum animal welfare model curriculum (repeat survey to check implementation in faculties)	Task will be started in 2018-2019
Owner/Citizen education	Draft almost ready to go to Board
HORSES	
End of life horses (euthanasia, slaughter, use of medicines incl T61)	FEEVA WG set up, Draft 2018
Responsible breeding and keeping of horses	2018
RABBITS	
Input EP report, housing and management of farmed rabbits	DONE
PIGS	
Promoting implementation of recommendations regarding tail docking and enrichment	SURVEY
Pig castration- deadline 2018	Publication done
CATTLE	
Cow welfare (lameness, cubicle design, tethering, etc)	First draft – adoption Spring GA 2018?
LAB ANIMALS	
Lab animal welfare	First draft
MISCELLANEOUS	
Killing of male off-spring/unwanted animals	First draft – adoption Nov 2017?
Animal welfare reference centres	Letter sent
Indicators paper	Redrafted – to FS and Q WG
Animal abuse (vet guidelines) and link between animal and human abuse	First draft ready, speaker Spring GA
Transport project	On going