



Animal health: Maintaining welfare throughout animal's life

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Animal Health Europe: who are we?

12 companies



19 associations
in 20 countries

- Belgium
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Italy
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Slovakia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Ukraine
- United Kingdom

Working to ensure a ready availability of
a wide range of animal health products throughout Europe



Animal medicines help ensure health



Good animal health is a
precursor to
animal welfare



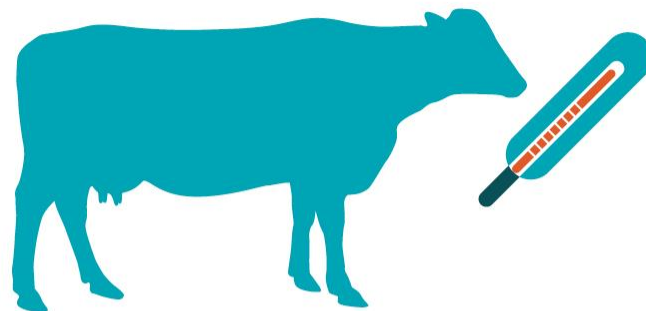
Think about it...



The availability and the success of mastitis treatment has a positive impact on the welfare of cows, has prevented unnecessary culling and has also greatly improved milk quality.



Think about it ... animals get sick too & deserve to be treated



Pneumonia is a common disease (despite vaccination) of different farm animal species, but it is much more serious than the coughs and colds which spread through groups of school children: if left untreated it can spread through the herd and animals will often die.

Adding another dimension to Animal welfare



SUSTAINABILITY





Under the Commission's motto:



European
Commission

EU Platform on Animal Welfare

**Everyone is responsible
... for animal welfare.**

**And we, too, take our
responsibility seriously**



The EU Animal Welfare Platform:
promoting dialogue on animal
welfare issues relevant at EU level.



AnimalhealthEurope supports the EU's cooperative approach to promote animal welfare on the international scene.

In particular, we play our role in raising awareness on animal welfare, particularly focusing on the impact of an animal's health status and available treatments on welfare



AnimalhealthEurope supports EU animal welfare initiatives - examples:

- **Member of the EU Platform on Animal Welfare**
 - Focus on enforcement of EU welfare rules and standards
 - Further development of voluntary commitments
 - Active measure to promote EU animal welfare standards
- **Partner in European Partnership for Alternative Approaches to Animal Testing (EPAA)**
 - Pooling knowledge and resources to accelerate the development, validation and acceptance of alternative approaches
- **Member of the European expert group on piglet castration**



Examples of areas of direct interest

1. **Animal transport:** impact of movement of animals on disease transmission
2. Offering alternatives to **surgical castration of piglets,** via immunocastration
3. Protection of **animals used in science:** regulatory requirement to conduct testing for approval of products

How Animal Medicines fit in the Animal Welfare Story

Let's take a chicken as an example
Before it is even born.....

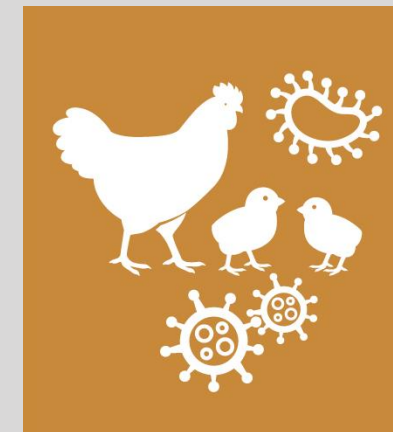
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In ovo vaccination can help to protect
the baby chick in the early stages of life

Further measures reduce the risk
of exposure to infectious diseases:

- Hygiene & housing
- Good nutrition
- Herd health planning with a vet



As it grows older...

EQUIP



Preventative healthcare measures such as:

- Vaccination
- Antiparasitic treatment

Can help animals to fight disease



And if it gets sick...

TREAT

A wide range of antibiotics & other treatment options should be available for the vet to advise on the most appropriate solution to:

- Treat the disease
- Avoid unnecessary suffering
- Prevent further spread
- Restore good health & welfare



Recent challenge: No antibiotic ever - raised without antibiotics ...

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Pizza Hut commits to antibiotic-free chicken wings by 2022

After eliminating antibiotics important to human medicine from its chicken for pizza last year, the fast-food chain is now expanding to cover side orders, too

By Vlad Savov | @vladsavov | Jun 19, 2018, 8:42am EDT

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McDonald's to phase out critically important antibiotics in chickens to help fight superbugs

McDonald's is requiring suppliers of chicken meat to begin phasing out the use of antibiotics defined by the World Health Organisation as "highest priority critically important antimicrobials"

Lisa Baertlein | Thursday 24 August 2017 09:25 | 1 comment

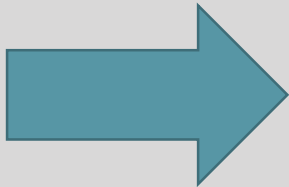
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...what impact on animal welfare ???

- Sick animals suffer if not treated
- Not treating a sick animal can increase mortality
- Are the Animal Freedoms respected ? Free from thirst and hunger, pain, disease,



1. Let's have an informed and balanced debate
2. Let's find a balance between removing/reducing use of antibiotics in farm animals and, food safety, food security, animal health and **welfare** consumer demand while keeping public health (AMR) at the centre of everyone's concern
3. Let's make sure decisions are taken on the basis of science

... Consumer perception of Animal welfare



PETS VS. FARM ANIMALS



Veterinary medicines aim to keep both pets and farm animals healthy. Respondents, however, have different views on the use of medicines for these two types of animals.

“All animals are equal but some animals are more equal than others”

George Orwell Animal farm (1945)

2/3 say pets should be vaccinated regularly just like our children.



1/2 say farm animals should be vaccinated regularly just like our children.

65% say pets have the same right to receive medicines as people.



59% say farm animals have the same right to receive medicines as people.

53% say medicines have a positive impact on the welfare of pets.



40% say medicines have a positive impact on the welfare of farm animals.

Take home message



Having the right medicines available,
securing accessibility,
ensuring proper and responsible use



are essential for ensuring good
animal health and welfare



Thank you!