

Multi-regional Whole Journey Scenario workshop on long-distance transport by land and sea between Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa.

OIE Twining Project on Animal Welfare in Tunisia and North Africa.



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Started in January 2021, will finish in June 2024



The three-year twinning project intends to focus on the Section 7 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code and - in particular - on the slaughter of animals, killing of animals for disease control purposes, animal transport by land, and stray dog population control.

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Intended outcome, objectives

- Technical knowledge and skills of ENMV staff, DGSV staff and delegates fro UMA countries (Algeria, Morocco, Lybia, Mauritania) will be improved.
- The improved competence of the staff will strongly support the development of new animal welfare legislation in Tunisia and strategic actions in the UMA Region.
- The staff will be trained on OIE animal welfare standards and they will acquire the capacity to implement them to improve animal welfare at <u>farm</u> <u>level</u>, <u>during transport and slaughter</u>, <u>and within the context of stray dog</u> <u>population control programs</u>.
- Networking in the UMA Region will be improved between ENMV and other organisations to provide and develop the appropriated expertise at regional level.



The Twinning Project

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- So far only one WOAH twinning project on animal welfare has been carried out
- It was in South Africa in 2017-2018 with IZS Teramo being the Parent Institute
- The second one is now ongoing in Tunisia between



In tight collaboration with the Tunisian DGSV (General Directorate of Veterinary Services – Ministry of Agriculture)





Strategic objective of the Twinning between IZSAM and ENMV on animal welfare

Improve the technical knowledge and skills of ENMV in the field of animal welfare, and support it in the process that will eventually lead to acquire the status of WOAH Collaborating Centre for Animal Welfare for the North Africa Region





The Twinning Project so far



Deep interaction between the two twinning teams:

- Kickoff meeting
- Preliminary assessment visit in Tunisia
- 1 Online course
- 4 in presence training courses in Italy
- 1 working group for updating legislation on Animal Welfare (in collaboration with EU Twinning)
- Online and in presence activities for the establishment of a permanent capacity building centre on animal welfare

Online course on animal welfare principles (November 2021)



With the collaboration of University of Pretoria (South Africa) and the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (Sweden)





Preliminary assessment visit (May 2022)

One week in Tunisia spent by two experts from the parent institute to preliminary assess the existing situation in Tunisia and tailor-made organize next activities:



Meeting with ENMV and DGSV directors



Lecture to ENMV students

Preliminary assessment visit



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La Marsa and Tunis dog sterilisation and vaccination centres

Preliminary assessment visit







Working group on revision of AW legislation

Visit at CNVZ

Poster presentation at the 30th Conference of the WOAH Regional Commission for Europe (Catania, October 2022)





Catania, Italy 3-7 October 2022

Training course on animal welfare during transport (Teramo-October 2022)





Training course on animal welfare during slaughtering (Teramo-November 2022).



Training course on depopulation for disease control (Teramo-September 2023)



With the collaboration of the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences



Training course on dog population management (Part I: Italy) (Teramo-September 2023)



Just finished...

• Training course on dog population management (II part): the new WOAH standard and the current situation in Tunisia (9-13 October 2023)



Dog population management

Integrating dog population management for effective rables control

Dog population management (DPM) is essential to achieve dog-mediated rabies elimination. This multi-faceted approach aims to enhance the health and we fare of dogs and mitigate the public health and safety issues that they can cause to society.

Over 700 million dogs worldwide 75% are rouning treety



What makes an effective DPM programme?

In the framework of rables control and elimination, it is aprerequisite to ensure that a sufficient amount of dogs is vaccinated to obtain immunity at population level. To achieve this coverage, key measures include:



1. Vaccination:

- Ensuremass vac direction coverage
- At least 70% of the dog population in at risk areas



Catch, Neuter, Vaccinate, Return (CNVR):

- Provent birth of new unvaccinated dogs
- Enhance dog welf are and life expectancy



3. Education & outreach

- Raise awareness about responsible dog ownership
- Promote adherence to vaccination schedules



When applied, these measures can avoid resorting to themas scalling of dogs, often carried out without respecting animal welfare recommendations.

Towards the end of rabies

Investingtime and resources in dog population management underliably supports the end of rables, by helping obtains high vaccination coverage amongst the root causes of the transmission to humans. Around 58,000 fabilities could be avoided every year, and this approach is a stepping stone tower do our commongoal of zero human rables deaths by 2030.



World Organisation for Animal Health Glabel

www.woah.org/rables

Global Strategic Plan to end human deaths. from doc-mediated rables by 2030



Be a responsible dog owner, end rabies now!

Discover key steps for a safer, healthier world, where dogs and humans coexist harmoniously Rabies, a deadly threat to both, can be curbed through responsible dog ownership.



Learn es sential practices for a rabies-free future:

- Protect your dog from diseases like rables
- Schedule annual check-ups and seccleations
- Keep rables
 weccination
 pulse data

- 2 Ensure the dog's ownership is clearly identified
- Bittoo or
 ni crochip your
 dog for easy
 identification
- Register it on a central database if required by law

- 3 Prevent unwanted reproduction
- Steri lise your dog.
- If your diag giventh into puppiers, keep or get them ad onted



- 4 Encourage positive an imalibehaviour in the community
- Socialize and train your dog to reduce that and aggression
- Avoid weate disposal from your dog.

- 5 potential rables carrier
- Supervise dioga outdoor
- . Keep them away from wild life





Responsible dog ownership is crudial for preventing rables in dogs and curbing its transmission to humans. By following proper care practices and vaccination schedules, we can save lives and create safer communities for both people and our furry companions.

Spread the word, end rabies now.





Impact assessment



Three workshops/meetings will be held at ENMV to show the achievements by the Candidate Institute:

- A workshop to finalize a proposal for new legislation on AW in Tunisia
- A **North African meeting** to strengthen the network on AW
- A final meeting to resume the results

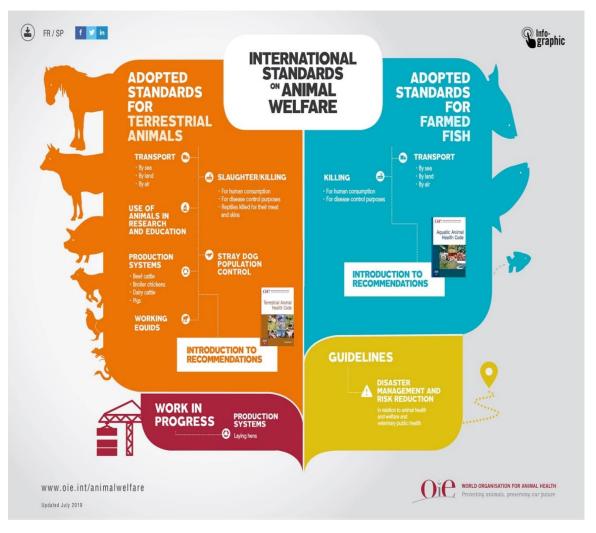
A final assessment report will be produced by the Parent Institute

Monitoring will be carried out on regular basis, to ensure that the project achieves its objectives in the set period

Training Center AW at ENMV (2024)

To promote the WOAH Standards on Animal Welfare





https://www.oie.int/infographic/StandardsAW/EN.jpg

AW is an integral part of VS activities in Tunisia (Hajer Kilani et al., DGSV)

In Veterinary Public Hygiene:

Communication and awareness of respect for animal welfare

- before slaughter (especially for the feast of the sacrifice of Aid el Idha)
- specific messages to avoid stressing the animal





Commuication tools about the preparation of the animal of aid El Idha

Ouajdi Souilem: Impact de la crise Covid-19 sur le bien-être des animaux d'élevage en Tunisie





Congrès vétérinaire tunisien et bien-être animal



L'École nationale de médecine vétérinaire de Sidi Thabet en Tunisie, qui a fêté récemment son quarantième anniversaire, a tenu les 23 et 24 mars son premier congrès, en présence de personnalités nationales et étrangères.





Effects of livestock practices on animal wellbeing and milk quality in the holstein cow in tunisia

Effets des pratiques d'élevage sur le bien-être animal et la qualité du lait chez la vache Holstein en Tunisie

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Working Group on Ethical Evaluation of Animal Experiments In Africa





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Nationale de
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Thabet, **Tunisia**, **4-8 March 2019**.



Development of Guidelines for the Establishment and Functioning of Animal Ethics Committees in Africa

- Initiative of PAN-LASE and the ICLAS Africa Regional Committee
 - Ecole Nationale de Médecine Vétérinaire de Sidi Thabet, Tunisia, Africa, 4-8 March 2019
- Collaborative, democratic process, 5 days 32 delegates from 14 countries
 - relevant to the African context & experience
 - reference OIE code (WOAH) & CIOMS-ICLAS principles
- · Accepted for publication: Laboratory Animals (2023, open access, in press)





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Guidelines for the establishment and functioning of Animal Ethics Commitees (Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees) in Africa

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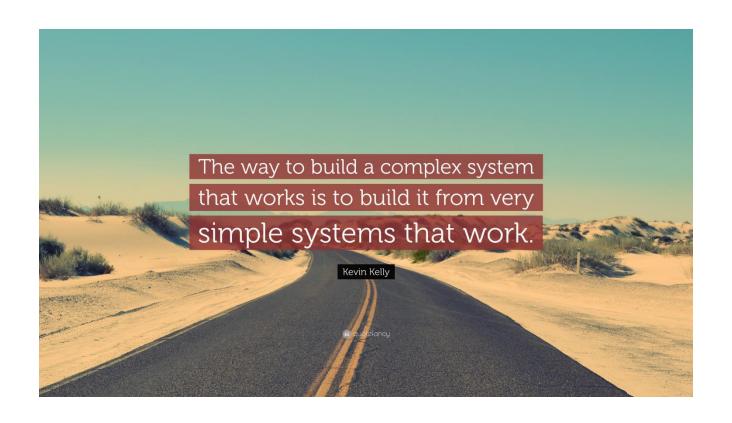


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Abstract

Animals are used for scientific purposes across Africa to benefit humans, animals or the environment. Nonetheless, ethical and regulatory oversight remains limited in many parts of the continent. To strengthen this governance framework, the Pan-African Network for Laboratory Animal Science and Ethics brought together experts from 12 African countries to create an Africa-centric practical guide to facilitate the establishment and appropriate functioning of Institutional Animal Ethics Committees across Africa. The Guidelines are based on universal principles for the care and use of sentient animals for scientific purposes, with consideration of the cultural, religious, political and socio-economic diversity in Africa. They focus on 11

Permanent Training System for AW in NA subregion



AW is a process and not a destination (Ref!)











