

Country report on national action plans for animal welfare

Republic of Serbia

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What are the main Animal Welfare issues you work on?

Law on Animal Welfare covering following:

- farm animal welfare
- animal welfare at the time of slaughter
- animal welfare during the transport
- welfare of animals use in scientific purposes
- welfare of pet animals
- welfare of zoo animals
- welfare of stray animals (shelters)
- welfare in boarding premises
- welfare of breeding animals (breeding establishments)



Resources – what resources (financial and human) are available to work on Animal Welfare?

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management
Veterinary Directorate
Sector for Animal Welfare
Department of Veterinary Inspection
Regional veterinary Offices
Veterinary inspectors
FVM



Stakeholders – Which are involved (government agencies, NGOs, farmers, veterinary professionals) and their role?

COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

- **Veterinary Directorate** performs the control of implementation of the:
 - -Animal Welfare Law
 - -Law on Veterinary Matters
 - -following Rulebooks
- **Other government agencies implementation and control of:**
 - -Ministry of Environmental Protection - Law on Environmental Protection
 - -Law on Game and Hunting
- **Local government** is obliged to provide collecting stray dogs
- **Farmers**
- **Owner of slaughterhouses**
- **Transporters**
- **Users of experimental animals**
- **Shelters, boarding premises, breeding establishments**
- **Zoos**
- **Animals owners**
- **Private sector veterinarian** performing veterinary activities in accordance with Article 4, 8, 16 of the Law on Veterinary Matters
- **Non-governmental organisations**



Regulatory framework – What are the legal acts/regulations that you have on Animal Welfare? Do you use WOAH standards and other guidelines and best practices in your work?

- **Law on Animal Welfare**
- **Law on Ratification of European Convention for the protection** (farm animal, transport, slaughtering, pets, experimental animals, etc)
- **Rule book on farm animal welfare**
- **Rule book on animal welfare during the transport**
- **Rule book on protection of animals at the time of slaughtering**
- **Rule book on welfare of animals used in scientific purposes**
- **Rule book on welfare of zoo animals**
- **Rule book animal welfare in breeding establishments**
- **Rule book on animal welfare in shelters and boarding premises**
- **Rule book on manner of keeping of animals that may pose the danger to the environment**
- **Dog Population Control Strategy**
- **Law on Veterinary Matters** and the related rule books
- **WOAH standards**



Implementation and enforcement – what are the main actions taken to implement and enforce your regulatory framework?

Veterinary Directorate is responsible for preparation of legislation - Laws and Rule books

Veterinary inspectors has the right and duty to check:

- conditions of animal husbandry and breeding facilities, space and premises
- fulfillment of requirements regarding welfare training

Measures of the veterinary inspector order the elimination of work irregularities

- closing the premises within a certain period of time
- prohibit the operation of premises, if they were not eliminated in the prescribed manner deadline



Data – what data you collect and how?

Register of farms

Register of slaughterhouses

Register of experiments on animals (natural and legal person conducting the experiments)

Register of shelter

Register of boarding premises

Register of breeding establishments

Register of zoos

Collection of data received from inspections, annual reports of users



Public awareness or educational programs – What programs are currently in place in your country?

Animal Welfare Law prescribes the obligation of training in all which refers to all the areas of animal welfare

The Faculty of Veterinary Medicine is authorized to organize trainings above mentioned training

Trainings are prescribed by the Law on Animal Welfare in accordance with EU regulation and WOAH standards.

Include veterinarians on central level, veterinary inspectors, staff working in the slaughterhouses in all fields related to animal welfare



Barriers and challenges – What barriers and challenges do you face to implement Animal Welfare regulation (cultural, economical, political, ...) ?

MAIN WEAK POINTS

- Insufficient number of human resources (central level and veterinary inspectors)
- Expand the training programs to all stakeholders
- Financial resources
- NGOs
- Local governments

Thank you



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