

WOAH National Focal Points for Animal Welfare Regional training workshop for the Europe

30 June - 2 July 2026, Budapest, Hungary


Provisional programme

DAY 1: 30 June 2026

08:30 – 09:00	Registration and welcoming of participants	WOAH
Session 1: Opening		
09:00 – 09:20	Opening remarks	
09:20 – 09:30	Introduction, objectives of the workshop and ToRs of the focal points on animal welfare	Carolyn Guy (WOAH AW Global coordinator)
09:30 – 10:00	Icebreaker Exercise and group photo	All
10:00 – 10:15	WOAH animal welfare working program and Global Animal Welfare Strategy	Carolyn Guy (WOAH AW Global coordinator)
10:15 – 10:30	WOAH Platform update	Tomasz Grudnik (WOAH Brussels)
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break	
Session 2: Advancing implementation of animal welfare standards		
11:00 – 11 15	Animal welfare as part of One Health ¹	Carolyn Guy
11:15 – 11:30	One Welfare	Rebeca Garcia (One Welfare CIC)
11:45 - 12:30	Veterinary ethics and human-animal relation	Christian Duernberger (Vetmeduni)
12:30- 12: 45	<i>Discussion/Q&A</i>	
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch	
	Disaster and emergencies	
13:45 – 14:15	Animal welfare in disasters – WOAHA activities	Fernando De Abreu (WOAH)
14:15 – 14:45	Sharing practical experience and lessons learn	Carolyn Guy
14:45 – 15:15	<i>Discussion/Q&A</i>	
15:15 – 15:45	Coffee break	
	Standards implementation	
15:45 – 16:15	The WOAHA Observatory and thematic study on transport of animals	Caroline Paquier WOAHA
16:15 – 16:45	The role of NGOs in improving animal welfare and supporting the implementation of WOAHA standards	Julia Havenstein (Animals' Angels / International Coalition for Animal Welfare)
16:45– 17 45	Animal welfare Action Plans working group exercise introduction	Tomasz Grudnik
19:00 -	Dinner	

DAY 2: 1 July 2026

Session 3: WOA Regional Platform on animal welfare for Europe

09:30 – 10:45	Animal welfare Action Plans working group exercise	
10:45 - 11:00	Coffee break	
11:00 – 12:45	Platform's activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slaughter • Transport • Dog population management • Animals in disasters Working equids Developing 5 th Action Plan for 2027-2029 Interactive exercise	Tomasz Grudnik Fernando De Abreu
12:45 – 13:00	Discussion/Q&A	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
FIELD VISIT		
15:00 – 18:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome remarks and safety briefing - Guided tour of the farm by tractor and trailer - Overview of Hunland Group - Jos Janssen (Owner) - Long distance animal transportation and animal welfare at Hunland - Péter Hencz (Logistics Director): - Introduction and demonstration of GB Water Technology - by Zoltán Deli (Logistics Director) and Géza István (Owner of GB Water) - Presentation of Hunland trailers: temperature-controlled livestock trailers - Discussion/Q&A 	
19.00	Dinner	

DAY 3: 2 July 2026

Session 4: Regional collaboration, capacity building and next steps

09:30 – 10:45	Revision of the chapter on killing	Carolyn Guy
	Consciousness at slaughter with and without stunning	Luigi Iannetti (WOAH Collaborating Centre)
	Revision of the chapters on transport	Maria Correia
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee break	
11:15 - 12:30	Regional Expertise – WOA Collaborating Centre on animal welfare and EU Reference Centres for animal welfare	Luigi Iannetti (WOAH Collaborating Centre)
	Partners presentation FVE	Joe Colins (FVE)
	EU activities including dog and cat regulation	Stanislav Ralchev (European Commission)
12:30 – 13:00	Conclusions and next steps and closing message	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	


Event on welfare of working equids

2 July 2026, Budapest, Hungary

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Participation limited to targeted countries

Welfare of working equids		
14:00 – 14:10	Opening remarks	
14:10 – 15:00	Aids to implement Working Equid Welfare Standards in the field	Joe Collins, the Donkey Sanctuary
	Promoting the welfare of working equids	Sandra Zafra, World Horse Welfare
15:00 – 15:45	Working group exercise	
15:45 – 16:00	Coffee break	
16:00 – 16:30	Working work exercise – reporting and discussion	
16:30 – 17:00	Conclusions and next actions	