

NETWORK I & R

“Time to Act - A Mandatory Identification and Registration (I&R) for dogs and cats in Germany and Developments in the European Union”

Expert Conference

In den Ministergärten 4, 10117 Berlin
on November 6th 2019
09:00 am - 05:00 pm

Agenda

09:00 am

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Chair: Michaela Dämmrich, Animal Welfare Officer, Lower Saxony

Reinhold Jost, Minister for Environment and Consumer Protection, Saarland, patron
Pier Giovanni Capellino, President, Fondazione Capellino Almo Nature
Dr med. vet. Hans-Friedrich Willimzik, Animal Welfare Officer, Saarland, Chair I&R Network
Prof. Dr Kurt Kotrschal, University of Vienna – a written word of welcome

09:30 am

KEY NOTE SPEECH

Contemporary responsible ownership in Europe – for companion animals too

Petras Auštrevičius, Member of the European Parliament, Vice President of the Intergroup on the Welfare and Conservation of Animals of the European Parliament

PART 1

COMPANION ANIMALS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND TRACEABILITY

Chair: Katharina Erdmann, Animal Welfare Officer, Schleswig-Holstein

10:00 am

The position of the veterinarians of Europe

Dr Andrew Robinson, former Vice President of the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE), member of the 'Dog Trade' Subgroup to the EU Platform of the EU Commission

10:20 am

Developments within the puppy trade in Europe

Sarah Ross, Lead Expert Companion Animals, VIER PFOTEN International

10:35 am

Questions and Answers

PART 2

TRANSPONDER TECHNOLOGY AND SELECTED REGISTRIES OF MEMBER STATES

Chair: Dr med. vet. Stephan Heidrich, Animal Welfare Officer, Brandenburg

10:45 am Critical facts concerning the transponder market, ISO Standards, ICAR and necessary approaches for the future

Dr med. vet. Sven Hüther, international independent expert on animal identification

11:00 am Questions and Answers

11:15 am Brunch and Press Reception

12:15 pm Examples of traceability systems in some Member States

Belgium: Tsang Tsey Chow, policy advisor, DogID, Flemish Government

Estonia: Valdeko Paavel, Eesti Lemmikoomaregister, Representative

France: Dr med. vet. Rémi Gellé, iCAD, Vice President

Ireland: Finbarr Heslin, FIDO, CEO

01:00 pm Questions and Answers

PART 3

EUROPE-WIDE SOLUTION APPROACHES

Chair: Eva Biré, acting head of office, Erna-Graff-Stiftung

01:15 pm Draft guidelines for the welfare of companion animals in the EU in the context of the EU Animal Health Law

Iwona Mertin, Chief of Programme Companion Animals, Eurogroup for Animals

01:30 pm Electronic pet passport - secured, verified and authenticated veterinary data for pets travelling in Europe

Gudbrand Vatn, CEO, DyreID

01:40 pm PET SAFE - a system for checking online classified ads for puppies in the EU

Michel Schoffeniels, President, Europetnet

Julia Mundl, Campaigner, VIER PFOTEN International

01:50 pm Questions and Answers

PART 4

DEFICIENCIES IN GERMANY AND SOLUTIONS

Chair: Dr med. vet. Julia Stubenbord, Animal Welfare Officer, Baden-Württemberg

02:00 pm Germany: 16 federal states, 16 different legal laws – an overview

Dr med. vet. Marco König, Animal Welfare Officer, Saxony-Anhalt

02:15 pm Coffee break

02:45 pm **Health aspects of the lack of Identification and Registration**
Dr med. vet. Petra Sindern, Vice President, German Veterinary Practitioners Association (bpt)

Problems for reputable breeders

Prof. Dr Heinrich Meßler, Vice President of the Association of Cynologists in Germany (VDH)

Animal welfare dimension, legal and financial problems from the point of view of Animal Welfare

Dr Jörg Styrie, CEO, Federation Animal Welfare (Bundesverband Tierschutz e.V. - BVT)

Dipl. biol. Torsten Schmidt, Alliance Against Misuse of Animals (Bund gegen Missbrauch der Tiere e.V. – bmt)

03:15 pm **Questions and Answers**

03:20 pm **Strong together: A companion animal database network with query service. An integrated solution model with exemplary EU potential**

Philip McCreight, CEO TASSO e.V. and Co-Founder of the I&R Network

03:40 pm **Questions and Answers**

PART 5

PANEL DISCUSSION

Chair: Norbert Carius, independent journalist, former ARD correspondent Berlin

04:15 pm **„Responsible Ownership: political and legal steps needed in Berlin and Brussels“**

Panel members: Petras Auštrevičius, European Parliament

Dr Andrew Robinson, Federation of Veterinarians of Europe FVE

Philip McCreight, TASSO

Dr med. vet. Hans-Friedrich Willimzik, Animal Welfare Officer of Saarland

05:00 pm **Summing up and closing remarks**

Dr med. vet. Hans-Friedrich Willimzik

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