



European Companion Animal Welfare and Protection Conference

September 29-30, 2016

Vilnius, Lithuania

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TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
Day 1 (September 29)		
09:00-10:00	Registration	
10:00-10:05	Opening of the conference	Petras Auštrevičius , member of European Parliament, and initiator of Lithuanian movement "People for Animals"
10:05-10:15	Welcome	Vytenis Povilas Andriukaitis , Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, European Commission
10:15-10:45	Key-note: The EU "Animal Health Law"	Eva Maria Zamora Escibano , Head of Animal Health and Welfare Unit in DG SANTE, European Commission
10:45-10:55	Companion animal welfare and protection at EP	Sirpa Pietikäinen , President of European Parliament's Intergroup on the Welfare and Conservation of Animals
10:55-11:15	Animal Welfare 2016-2020: opportunities at EU level	Reineke Hamelers , Director of NGO Eurogroup for Animals
11:15-11:45	OIE Animal welfare Activities. Stray Dog Population Control	Prof. Kazimieras Lukauskas , Head OIE (World Organization for Animal Health) Regional Representation for Europe
11:45-12:15	Identification and registration of dogs and cats in the EU	Eva Maria Zamora Escibano , Head of Animal Health and Welfare Unit in DG SANTE, European Commission
12:15-12:35	Discussion panel with speakers	Eva Maria Zamora Escibano (European Commission) Sirpa Pietikäinen (EP Intergroup on the Welfare and Conservation of Animals) Reineke Hamelers (Eurogroup for animals) Prof. Kazimieras Lukauskas (OIE)
12:35-13:30	Lunch & visiting exhibition stands	
13:30-13:55	Study on the welfare of dogs and cats involved in commercial practices	Eva Maria Zamora Escibano , Head of Animal Health and Welfare Unit in DG SANTE, European Commission
13:55-14:20	Case study: Reducing puppy smuggling in Europe by international cooperation of NGOs and institutions	Charlotte Speedy , Consultant at Dogs Trust (UK) Rasa Sirutkaitytė , Deputy Head of Animal Health and Welfare Department, Lithuanian State Food and Veterinary Service
14:20-14:40	Stopping "Puppy mills" in Ireland	Mark Beazley , Executive Director, Dogs Trust (Ireland)
14:40-14:55	Discussion panel with speakers	Eva Maria Zamora Escibano (European Commission) Charlotte Speedy (Dogs Trust UK) Rasa Sirutkaitytė (Lithuanian State Food and Veterinary Service) Mark Beazley (Dogs Trust)
14:55-15:15	Coffee break	
15:15-15:35	Exotic animals and their welfare: best European practices and Netherlands case study	David van Gennepe , Director at AAP Animal Advocacy and Protection (Netherlands) Paul Bours , Senior policy advisor animal welfare at Ministry of Economic Affairs (Netherlands)
15:35-15:55	Impact of exotic pets for public health	Clifford Warwick , Senior Scientific Consultant, Emergent Disease Foundation
15:55-16:10	Positive list in Lithuania	Lina Čaplikaitė-Denisovienė , Deputy Head of Environmental Protection Division, Lithuanian Ministry of Environment
16:10-16:40	Discussion panel with speakers	David van Gennepe (AAP Animal Advocacy and Protection) Paul Bours (Ministry of Economic Affairs, Netherlands) Clifford Warwick (Emergent Disease Foundation) Lina Čaplikaitė-Denisovienė (Lithuanian Ministry of Environment)
16:40-17:00	Closing of the day: greetings from Vilnius Mayor Remigijus Šimašius, remarks and summary	Vilnius Mayor Remigijus Šimašius , Vilnius municipality Brigita Kymantaitė , Lithuanian Animal Rights Protection Organization
19:00-...	Evening reception (hotel Holiday Inn Vilnius, Šeimyniškių st. 1)	
Day 2 (September 30)		
09:00-09:05	Welcome	Mindaugas Malakauskas , chancellor of Lithuanian University of Health Sciences, Veterinary academy, Veterinary faculty
09:05-09:25	Swedish Centre for Animal Welfare and the implementation of Animal Welfare legislation	Birgitta Staaf Larsson , Qualified officer at Swedish Centre for Animal Welfare
09:25-09:45	Establishment of the Estonian Research Centre for Animal Welfare	David Richard Arney , Professor of Animal Welfare at the Estonian University of Life Sciences
09:45-10:05	Development trends in companion animal welfare in veterinary science in Lithuania	Vytautas Ribikauskas , Lecturer at the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences, Veterinary academy, Veterinary faculty
10:05-10:25	Shelter medicine – a new tool for companion animal welfare	Jenny Stavisky , Assistant Professor in Shelter Medicine, Centre of Evidence-based Veterinary Medicine, The University of Nottingham
10:25-10:45	The veterinary vision on stray dog control in Europe	Monique Megens , Senior Vice President at Federation of European Companion Animal Veterinary Association (FECAVA), and member of Animal Welfare Working Group at Federation of veterinarians of Europe (FVE)
10:45-11:10	Coffee break	
11:10-11:30	Online sale of pets	Charlotte Speedy , Consultant at Dogs Trust (UK)
11:30-11:50	Humane Communities Development programme	Dr. Elly Hiby , Consultant - HCD programme monitoring and evaluation adviser at International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW)
11:50-12:10	Belgium: The national cat castration action plan	Eric van Tilburgh , Head of Animal Welfare division, Government of Flanders (Belgium)
12:10-12:30	A guide of dog population management "Do we really change the situation?"	Dr. Elly Hiby , Scientific Coordinator at International Companion Animal Management Coalition (ICAM)
12:30-13:30	Lunch & visiting exhibition stands	
13:30-14:20	Round-table discussion: stopping the illegal trade of dogs and cats in the EU	Simona Lipšaitė (European Policy Advisor at EU Dog & Cat Alliance) Charlotte Speedy (Dogs Trust) Rasa Sirutkaitytė (Lithuanian State Food and Veterinary Service) Mark Beazley (Dogs Trust) Eva Maria Zamora Escibano (European Commission)
14:20-15:20	Round-table discussion: problems and solutions related to online pet sale	Simona Lipšaitė (EU Dog & Cat Alliance) Charlotte Speedy (Dogs Trust) Becky Thwaites (Head of Public Affairs at NGO Blue Cross) Evaldas Kundrotas , project manager in online advertising website ALIO.lt Galina Krasovskaja , representative of NGO Lese in project GyvunuGloba.lt
15:20-16:20	Round-table discussion: exotic pet welfare in Member states	David van Gennepe (AAP Animal Advocacy and Protection) Paul Bours (Ministry of Economic Affairs, Netherlands) Clifford Warwick (Emergent Disease Foundation) Dr. Branka Buković Šošić (Head of the Animal Protection Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Croatia) Dr. Michael Nichols (Official veterinary, Ministry of Agriculture, Viticulture and Consumer Protection, Luxembourg)
16:20-17:00	Closing remarks and summary	Brigita Kymantaitė , Lithuanian Animal Rights Protection Organization