

EU Animal Welfare Platform

Voluntary Initiative Group

Health & Welfare of Pets (dogs) in trade

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Voluntary initiative group on improving Health & Welfare of Pets (dogs) in trade

Members

- **3 NGOs** (RSPCA, Vier Pforten, Eurogroup for Animals)
- **1 Business Organisation** (FVE)
- **1 Independent expert** (Univ. Milano)
- **9 seats Member States**
 - Belgium
 - Denmark
 - Finland /Ireland
 - France
 - Germany
 - Italy
 - Romania
 - Slovakia
 - Spain /Portugal
 - + Chair/NL



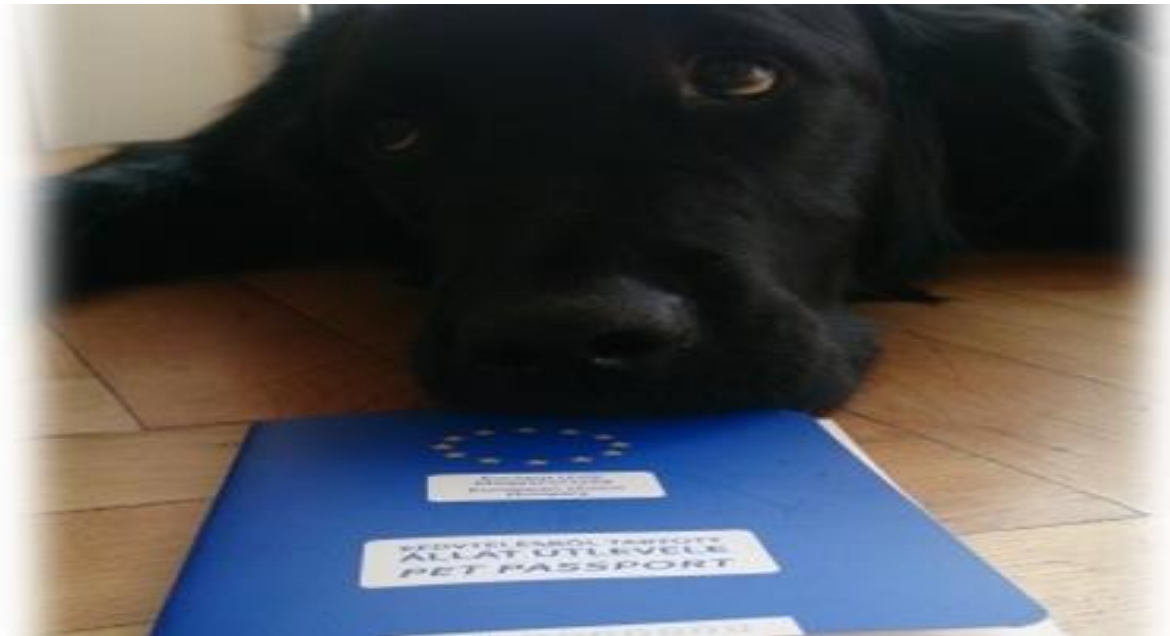
Objectives (extract)

- Exchange of good practices on enforcement, I&R etc.;
- Improving communication & cooperation between member states with regard to pet trade
- Greater exchangeability of data from I&R systems
- Developing guides/guidelines

1st outcome

Mapping Survey on I&R systems for dogs in the group's member states:

- national Legislation
- Code structure of chip numbers
- Competent authority



MAPPING SURVEY ON IDENTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION OF DOGS & REGISTRATION OF BREEDERS AND SELLERS

PART 1: Identification and Registration of dogs (I&R)

France

In France, since 1999, it is mandatory to identify dogs before they are given away for free or sold. Tattoos are still allowed. Identification is always linked with registration in the French national database ICAD.

Law

Identification:

Article L212-10 of the Rural Code

Code structure:

Arrêté du 1er août 2012 relatif à l'identification des carnivores domestiques et fixant les modalités de mise en œuvre du fichier national d'identification des carnivores domestiques (JORF n°0183 du 8 août 2012 page 12998, texte n° 45)

Code structure

country code + a code designating the species + a homologation code.

Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Chip number	2	5	0	2	6	8	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Type of data	Country code of France			Species code*		Homologation code		AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN

* In France, code 26 is the species code for dogs, cats and ferrets.

France employs a homologation/approval code instead of the manufacturer code. This homologation/approval code is issued by the French competent authority after the manufacturer has passed a test conducted by the National Certification Agency (CETIM laboratory). The homologation procedure is mandatory not only for French producers, but also for foreign producers who want to sell their products in France. The homologation/approval code is then inserted directly into the transponder number (positions 6 and 7).

Competent authority

Ministère de l'Agriculture, de de l'Agroalimentaire et de la Forêt, SDSPA / BICMA : Sous-direction de la santé et de la protection animales / Bureau de l'identification et du contrôle du mouvement des animaux.

Further/future 'Outcomes'

- Mapping survey part 2: Registration systems of breeders and sellers
- Inventory of existing guidance documents for welfare of pets, pet owners, travel, etc.
- Draft (EU) guidance document on responsible ownership, buying and selling pets
- Recommendations to EC to improve (use of) TRACES system

Thematic Network in Digital platform tool

- Thematic network 'Health and Welfare of Pets (dogs) in trade'
- Outcomes/documents of group will be published there
- Accessible for all Platform members and members of the voluntary initiative group

