

Animal Welfare



- Welfare essential part of FEEVA and FVE remit
- FEEVA representative on the FVE/UEVP Welfare Group
- 2/3 Face-to-Face meetings per year
- New members on Group, and old ones lost, as has had 2 years

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- First meeting, proposal to risk assess animal welfare issues: FEEVA submitted horse welfare issues.
- In first two years the AWWG worked on prioritised Position Statements (next slide)
- Also carried out a priority “Risk Analysis”: equines are a minor species, 7-8million in Europe



Statements so far:

- Circus animals
- Veterinary Officer training
- Undergraduate training and Welfare CPD
- Welfare component of all CPD
- Stray dogs (FECAVA)






- EQUINE WELFARE EXPERT MEETING convened by DG Sante. Open to ideas on ID, food chain issues, transport, welfare – still active
- EUROGROUP for ANIMALS (World Horse Welfare) 60 page report on state of equine welfare in Europe: REMOVING THE BLINKERS, published late 2015.
- Transport Guidelines, welfare guidelines, co-authored by FEEVA and WHW published last year

The guidelines:

Practical Guidelines to Assess Fitness for Transport of Adult Bovines



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Practical Guidelines to Assess Fitness for Transport of Equidae
(Horses, Ponies, Donkeys and their Hybrids)



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SANCO/2014/G3/006

‘Pilot project on best practices for animal transport’





DRAFT REPORT on responsible ownership and care of equines (2016/2078(INI))
Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development
Rapporteur: Julie Girling

- report on back of Removing the Blinkers

Available for comment





FEEVA develop own Welfare Position Statements:

For example:

- End of Life
- Sports' Horses
- Transport
- Training of keepers, welfare codes for horse farms/livery yards/competition horse
- Disease

Have the Goodwill. Do we have the resources?



Horse hospitals





