



Dog Responsible Ownership

The CAROdog project

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Education

- Master's degree in Anthropology - Belgium & Italy
- Final paper : 'Anthropomorphism of the dog in Western Culture'

Professional experience

- Since Aug 2016 : Companion Animal Policy Coordinator at FOUR PAWS EPO
- Past 10 years : Companion animal and Education, at International level
- Prior : 5 years as Director of national organisation working to promote citizenship, democracy and youth participation in schools



Outline

- About Four Paws and the European Policy Office
- About the CARO project and the EU Traceability Working Group
- Responsible Ownership “package”
- CAROdog website and activities
- ‘Dogs for People’ in Romania : the importance of education





Four Paws



- International animal welfare organisation founded in 1988
- Headquarters in Vienna. Offices in Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Germany, Hungary, Netherlands, Romania, SA, Switzerland, UK & USA
- Pleads for animal welfare through sustainable campaigns and projects
- Research, scientific expertise, intensive national/international lobbying
- Focus on animals that are directly under human control: stray dogs/cats, laboratory animals, farm/wild/companion animals, also bears & big cats
- In Brussels, improve consideration of protection of farm/wild/companion animals at EU level to reach at least responsible ownership through better legislation, but also better enforcement



What is CARO ?

Group of animal welfare-engaged stakeholders
whose goal is
to strengthen the responsible ownership of companion animals in Europe



How did it start?

Starting point

- 2010, no reliable scientific & legal information on dogs available for free on web
→ create platform for sharing knowledge, in particular on DPM

Project initiators

- FOUR PAWS EPO, Brussels
- Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell'Abruzzo e del Molise "G Caporale", Teramo, Italy

Partners

- European Commission (DG Sante)
- Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE)



The EU Traceability Working Group

Members

FOUR PAWS

Istituto "G Caporale"

FVE

European Commission

Belgian Animal Welfare Ministry

EuroPetNet

Planet ID

TASSO

Goal

- Address key component of identification & registration (I&R)
- Prove that I&R of all dogs in Europe :
 - Feasible
 - Doesn't have to cost a fortune
 - Is the only sustainable solution to manage efficiently dog population and to ensure that each dog has a responsible owner (public or private)

Achievements

2015 - Complete EU concept of I&R was elaborated



Responsible Ownership « Package »

- **Comprehensive and precise animal welfare legislation** based on the principle that all animals are **sentient beings** (Art 13 TFEU)
- Strong **political will**, resilient to political changes
- Proper **enforcement** and adequate penalties
- **Education** of young people and **professional trainings**
- Systematic **birth control** of all unowned animals (CNR)
- Responsabilisation of **breeders, sellers** and **buyers**



Responsible Ownership « Package »

- **Mandatory Identification and Registration** of all dogs at EU level, with harmonisation of means of identification
- **Central system** such as EuroPetNet
- **Veterinary care** (preventive and curative)

This can be achieved through **public/private partnerships**





QUICK ACCESS

	International Standards		National standards Law and guidelines
	Glossary Terms and Definitions		Scientific Library
	Dog Traceability Identification Registration		School projects Further education

SPECIAL FOCUS: Dog and Cat Trade



cat breeding

CAROdog Events



- EU CANINE TRACEABILITY EXPERT WORKSHOPS
- CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

Latest News

- 'Heroic' Labrador saves doggie lives by being a BLOOD DONOR
- Judge overturns decision to euthanise pitbull
- "Identification, Vaccination and Movement of dogs and cats in Europe", Four Paws REPORT
- BVA president welcomes new Welsh training hub
- BVA statement on the outcome of the EU Referendum

The CARO website

www.carodog.eu

- Dog population management (I&R, CNR projects, Rabies eradication, etc.)
- Law and Science
- Education
- Dog owners
- Take Action
- News and Events (incl. special focus)

Further activities: CAROmag and CARO Award

CAROmag

Linked to the 6-month special focus
1st issued on December 2015 (I&R)
2nd one in September 2016 (Dog trade)



CARO Award

First presented to Mr Jacques Grimanelli, former President of EuroPetNet, on 21st June 2016, for his pioneer work toward I&R in Europe



Dogs for People

- First Animal Assisted Therapy project initiated in 2004
- Romanian strays trained as pet therapy dogs to assist children with special needs (autism, down syndrom, etc)
- Benefits dogs and people: new life for the dog – support children with specific emotional and physical needs
- Since 2012, also for residents of a retirement home in Bucharest , stray dogs visit patients with Alzheimer, acute depression
- Early 2016 - new center for animal-assisted therapy in Bucharest
- Education : Increasing the awareness about stray dogs through direct contact





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