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FECAVA and Europetnet Press Release

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FECAVA and Europetnet address the illegal puppy transport with a Joint statement for improvement of the Identification and Registration of companion animals across Europe

The [implementing review of the EU rules \(EC\) 1/2005](#) raised the issue of the protection of animals during the transport of farm and pet animals. Therefore, the Federation of European Companion Animal Veterinarians (FECAVA) collaborated with Europetnet (EPN) to produce a **Joint statement for improvement of the Identification and Registration of companion animals across Europe and the function of European Pet Passport** with five key issues to address the illegal puppy transport.

The key point is the suggestion for **obligatory “microchipping” of all dogs and cats in Europe** and modernisation of the EU pet passport into an **Electronic Pet Passport (sPP)**, a digital Lifetime Identity Document. All necessary data should be recorded by a qualified person into a national database which should be connected in a EU-wide database and non-EU based databases that adhere to EU standards. Europetnet is already providing this service by a voluntary collaboration of 46 national databases and every year they help to reunite thousands of lost pets with their owners.

Danny Holmes, FECAVA Vice President said, “ We are delighted to align with the Europetnet group on Identification and registration matters. Their model of digital pet passports is a blueprint for the future to simplify administration and improve animal welfare during dog and cat movements throughout Europe. We especially wish to reduce the illegal puppy trade.”

Link to the [Joint Statement from FECAVA and Europetnet](#).

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Notes to editors

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- **FECAVA** - Federation of Companion Animal Veterinary Associations represents more than 25,000 companion animal veterinarians in 40 European countries. / www.fecava.org
- **Europetnet** is an online database that connects 46 national and local databases of registered dogs across Europe that have been identified with a transponder. With the help of the Europetnet ID search, a unique and powerful tool, thousands of lost pets throughout Europe are reunited with their owners every year. / www.europetnet.com
- **COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 1/2005 of 22 December 2004** on the protection of animals during transport and related operations is available on the [LINK HERE](#).
- In June 2020 The European Parliament has voted to establish an inquiry committee to investigate the transport of live animals across and out of the European Union – [LINK](#) to the source. In January 2022 ANIT Committee concluded its work: [LINK to the source](#)