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Joint Statement from FECAVA and Europetnet

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The Federation of European Companion Animal Veterinarians (FECAVA) and Europetnet (EPN) are aware of the impending review of the (EC) 1/2005 Transport Regulation. We collaborated to produce the following Statement in relation to 5 key issues to address the illegal puppy transport by improving the Identification and Registration of companion animals and the function of European Pet Passport.

- There should be mandatory identification and registration of all dogs and cats in Europe with an injectable Radio Frequency Identification Device (RFID) -commonly referred to as a “microchip”- which displays a world-unique number when scanned.
- This unique number, along with the details of the owner, the pet, and the implanter, should be recorded by a veterinarian, or a qualified person, on a national database recognised by the state.
- National databases should be searchable and linked to an EU-wide database which may also integrate with further non-EU based databases that adhere to EU standards. Europetnet is already providing this service by a voluntary collaboration of 46 national databases.
- The EU Pet Passport should be transformed from a travel document to a (Digital) Lifetime Identity Document for each individual animal. This will improve traceability of individual animals, reduce opportunities for illegal trade and improve biosecurity by linking health records to the passport.
- The EU pet passport could be modernized as an Electronic Pet Passport (ePP) developed by Europetnet. EPN and FECAVA are committed to promoting the experimental model achieved by EPN’s ePP among European authorities and other stakeholders.

About Us

FECAVA is the platform for the promotion of professional development and the representation of companion animal veterinarians in Europe. It has 40 member National Veterinary Associations representing over 25000 veterinarians.

FECAVA is an international not for profit organizations with a mandate to:

- Attend European forums in the field of companion animal veterinarians.
- Lobby for influence on a European level in order to defend the positioning of companion animal veterinarians.
- Improve animal welfare in Europe through action on regulations.
- Represent all European veterinarians involved in activities with animals that have an impact on human activity.
- Promote the role of the companion animal veterinarian in public health.
- Promote high quality veterinary education.

Europetnet is a group of 46 national and local associations based across Europe who register owner information about pets that have been uniquely identified with a transponder. Their job is to reunite lost pets with their owners and our services are available from anywhere at any time. Animal welfare is their fundamental value.

Every year Europetnet helps to return thousands of lost animals to owners throughout Europe. People travel with pets, and pets walk across borders. To be able to establish which country a found pet comes from, the Europetnet ID search is a unique and powerful tool. It will search through our database of ID numbers and also through online connected members databases.