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# OIE policies on animal welfare

## The outcomes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> OIE Global Conference on Animal Welfare

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# OIE implication in Animal Welfare (AW)

- **Historic role of the OIE in protecting animal health**
- **Animal health is a key component of AW**

# Why not before?

- **172 OIE Members – More than 120 countries for which AW was not a priority**
- **AW is not yet on the scope of WTO/SPS Agreement**
- **Need for science – based global regulations**

# Evolution of the Animal Welfare in the OIE

- **2000**: AW recognised as a strategic area in the 2001-2005 OIE 3th Strategic Plan;
- **2002**: adoption by the General Assembly of National Delegates of a Resolution leading to the creation of a permanent working group on AW (AWWG);
- **2003**: adoption of the principles to be used by the OIE in promoting AW;
- **2004**: 1<sup>st</sup> OIE Global Conference on AW (Paris, France);
- **2005**: first adoption of global standards on AW;
- **2008**: 2<sup>nd</sup> OIE Global Conference on AW (Cairo, Egypt);

# Interest of global standards through the OIE pathway

- Global promotion of AW;
- Democratic and transparent procedures for adoption;
- Science is the unique common denominator for 172 countries;
- Try to avoid unjustified trade barriers – Try to establish a link with World Trade Organisation (WTO);

# The Way forward

- Maintain and strengthen existing procedures for updating and creation of global standards;
- Increase involvement of scientific community through OIE Collaborating Centres;
- Link between OIE standards and Universal Declaration of AW (UDAW).
- New Resolutions from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Conference

# The 2004 First OIE Global Conference on Animal Welfare (1)

- Received the support of an important number of Members (Canada, Germany, Ireland, New Zealand, UK, USA and the EC).

## Objectives

- ✓ To give visibility to OIE's work and to explain the OIE's strategy on animal welfare to the widest number of stakeholders, and to obtain their support.
- ✓ To establish OIE's global leadership status in providing global animal welfare guidance and standards.

# The 2004 First OIE Global Conference on Animal Welfare (2)

## Results

- **The 2004 Conference laid the way for the adoption of the standards in 2005**
- **Standards adopted in 2005 for livestock:**
  - ✓ transport of animals by land, sea and air
  - ✓ slaughter for human consumption
  - ✓ killing for disease control purposes

**[http://www.oie.int/eng/Welfare\\_2004/home.htm](http://www.oie.int/eng/Welfare_2004/home.htm)**

# The 2008 OIE 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Conference on Animal Welfare (1)

- OIE decision to hold the Conference in a developing country. Support of the Egyptian Government, Germany, New Zealand, USA and the European Commission.
- need to strengthen implementation of the existing standards, especially in developing countries and in economic transition countries
- 400 participants from all over the world attended to the Conference.

# The 2008 OIE 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Conference on Animal Welfare (2)

- Government, industry, academia, research and non governmental organisations participated actively.
- The Conference has reviewed the state of animal welfare legislation and practices worldwide and has identified specific challenges in several regions and countries.
- [http://www.oie.int/eng/A\\_AW2008/home.htm](http://www.oie.int/eng/A_AW2008/home.htm)

# The 2008 OIE 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Conference on Animal Welfare (3)

## Results

OIE Members have identified a need for support in several areas, such as:

- Support for the development and implementation of animal welfare legislation ;
- Assistance with education and training, particularly for official veterinarians,

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# The 2008 OIE 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Conference on Animal Welfare (4)

- Support good governance in OIE Members through important OIE initiatives such as the Evaluation of Performance of Veterinary Services (PVS) and the OIE Twining Initiative for Laboratory and Collaborating Centers
- The promotion of collaboration with global organisations (industry and NGO)
- Role of Veterinary Services and his role as a “Global Public Good”

# The 2008 OIE 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Conference on Animal Welfare (5)

- Continuing the development of OIE regional animal welfare strategies in close collaboration with donors supporting the OIE through the Animal Health and Welfare World Fund;
- Promotion of a practical and relevant research particularly through the OIE Collaborating centers (Teramo (Italy), University of Massey (New Zealand) and candidate Institutes in Chile and Uruguay);

# OIE Animal Welfare Future Work

- Future OIE standards for the Control of stray dog population, laboratory animals, farmed fish and livestock production systems;
- Influence of Governments and stakeholders
- Regional activities funded through the OIE World Animal Health and Welfare Fund
- Continuing the development and permanent improvement of the animal welfare situation globally through the OIE democratic and transparent process of adoption of science based international standards.

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