



Ministry of Agriculture
Veterinary and Food Safety Directorate



**Mutual influence on the development of animal welfare in Croatia and
the region**

Western Balkan Regional Meeting of Animal Welfare Experts

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Animal Welfare Legislation in Croatia

- ❖ Animal Welfare Act – OG 19/1999:
 - ❖ farm animals and pet animals
 - ❖ mammals, birds and fish

- ❖ Animal Protection Act – OG 135/2006:
 - ❖ all vertebrate animals
 - ❖ strengthening the frame for harmonisation of EU legislation
 - ❖ framework for development of national pieces of legislation (of national interest)
 - ❖ establishment of national Ethical committee (relating experimental legislation):
 - ❖ give opinions on ethical and animal protection issues in relation to the use of animals for experimental and educational purposes
 - ❖ establishment of national Animal Protection Commission:
 - ❖ proposals for legislation in the field of animal protection
 - ❖ encourage the adoption or amendment of legislation in the field of animal protection

- ❖ Act on the Amendment of Animal Protection Act – OG 37/2013:
 - ❖ framework for transposition of Directive 2010/63/EU

- ❖ Act implementing regulations of the European Union for the Protection of Animals - OG 125/2013 and 14/2014:
 - ❖ determination of the competent authority, competence of the inspections and penalty provisions relating the implementation of EU regulations

- ❖ Veterinary Act - OG 82/2013 and 14/2013:
 - ❖ dog identification
 - ❖ rabies control

Period of the transposition of EU legislation into national legislation

In the period from 2006 to 01st July 2013 legislation regarding animal welfare in Croatia has been developed: <http://www.veterinarstvo.hr/default.aspx?id=9>

❖ transposition of EU legislation:

- ❖ farm animals (laying hens, registration of laying hens farms, broilers, calves, pigs, general requirements for farms)
- ❖ during transport
- ❖ at the time of killing
- ❖ animals for scientific purposes
- ❖ zoos animals
- ❖ trade of the products:
 - ❖ originating from dogs and cats
 - ❖ products originating from animals caught by non humane trapping devices and
 - ❖ products originating from the seals killed by cruelty methods

❖ national legislation:

- ❖ animal shelters
- ❖ breeding of animals intended for selling on the market
- ❖ pet shops (will be published soon)
- ❖ dangerous dogs
- ❖ temporary housing of companion animals for commercial purposes (animal hotels)

- ❖ By 1st July 2013, European union regarded Croatia was third country – the trade with animals and animal products was regulated by national legislation (animal welfare and veterinary legislation)
- ❖ By 1st July 2013, all EU legislation was transposed into national legislation
- ❖ In areas where the EU legislation was not developed, the base for legislation (recommenadtions) could be find in:
 - ❖ EFSA scientific opinions
 - ❖ OIE standards (stray dog control population)
 - ❖ national experiences/good practices

Why we need legislation?

The welfare of animals depends on factors that can impact their welfare such as housing, bedding, stocking density, transport conditions, stunning and slaughter methods, health conditions, which all can be summarised in how animals are managed by humans.

Developing legislation in animal welfare area and its enforcement and implementation by EU member states is very important because in this way a certain level of animal welfare that is accepted and recognized in the EU is achieved.

Concerning the raising awareness of the public/consumers on the need to protect animals and because of economic reasons arising from such a concern, it is necessary to develop animal welfare legislation.

In the perception of EU citizens some practices of using animals are not acceptable and the rules in the trade of products originated from such animals in EU were developed. Cats and dogs are considered to be pet animals and therefore it is not acceptable to use their fur or products containing such fur what was banned by Regulation (EC) No 1253/2007 (in force in Croatia from 2008).

Stray dog population control

Some areas are very sensitive, such as it is protection of abandoned/stray dogs:

- ❖ can not be dealt with at the level of individual countries
- ❖ broader action is needed
- ❖ the issues concern on pets are recognized on a global level - solutions presented at the global level by World organisation for animal health (OIE)
- ❖ non governmental organisation - RSPCA - is involved.

The World Organisation for Animal Health plays an important role in producing common - scientific, ethical and cultural standards for establishing international standards in the field of animal welfare – recommendation on stray dog population control -

<http://www.veterinarstvo.hr/UserDocsImages//dobrobitZivotinja/Program%20kontrole%20populacije%20pasa%20lutilica%20u%20Republici%20Hrvatskoj,%202010..pdf>

Cooperation the EU/third countries

Ensuring the same conditions and thereby reducing suffering and distress = good animal welfare:

- ❖ keeping of animals and care for animals (farm animals)
- ❖ transport of animals
- ❖ slaughter of animals.

When the conditions of the production, keeping and care of animals are on the same level – trade with animals and animal products.

The cost of animal welfare

Does animal welfare produce higher cost of production?

Mainly yes, but at the same time an advantage on the market will be provided, especially on the markets of the countries in which customers:

- ❖ show higher level of concern on animal welfare and
- ❖ are willing to pay more

for the products obtained from animals that are during the production protected from suffering, distress and pain.

Example: laying hens legislation requirements, protection of pigs

Trainings/education in animal welfare area

Why education/training:

- ❖ proper implementation of legislation
- ❖ improvement of knowledge/skills on the animals needs and proper care for animals (farm staff, drivers, slaughter staff, veterinary inspectors, ...)

Providing the training/education (starting from 2006):

- ❖ TAIEX
- ❖ BTSF
- ❖ national resources
- ❖ NGO – RSPCA: 7. 11. 2000., The Western Balkans University Network for Animal Welfare in 2009. - 2012. (8 modules in Ohrid, Zagreb, Dubrovnik, Budva), 2013. white meat, Tuheljske toplice-read meat



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Guidance, leaflets, training materials

The role of competent authority in implementing legislation:

- ❖ Preparing and dissemination information on the requirements of the legislator for all involved, including consumers and stakeholders

- ❖ preparing training materials

- ❖ guidance
- ❖ leaflets
- ❖ other information
- ❖ presentations:

<http://www.veterinarstvo.hr/default.aspx?id=165>

- skema koja se prevodi oduzimača od ventilatora i/ili prirodne ventilacije



- zatvoreni sa bočni otvori za prozračivanje

Bolji primjer ventilatora



<http://www.veterinarstvo.hr/default.aspx?id=62> –transport of animals



KLASIFIKACIJE ZA VETERINARSTVO I NOSTI IZJANE

8 kategorija i agencije izdane u skladu s ovim i drugim zakonima i podzakonskim aktima.

REKLAZNO RAZDORJE

od 2011. godine provede se opsežna ispitivanja uzorka na razne vrste dobiti da bi se utvrdilo koje vrste su dobiti najviše izložene riziku od bolesti životinja u vrijeme usmrćivanja u skladu s kategorijama izdane u skladu s ovim i drugim zakonima i podzakonskim aktima.

prosim 2019. godine izdane su 14 vrsta i 1. Uredba koja se odnosi na vrste dobiti iz koje se odobrava izvoz i izvozna kategorija za vrste dobiti određuje se na temelju vrste dobiti i vrste usmrćivanja.

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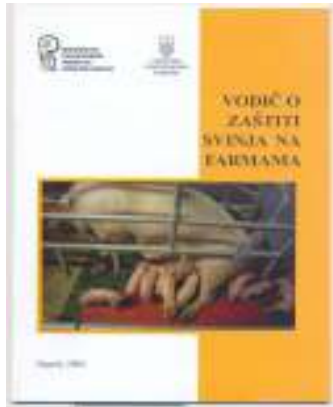
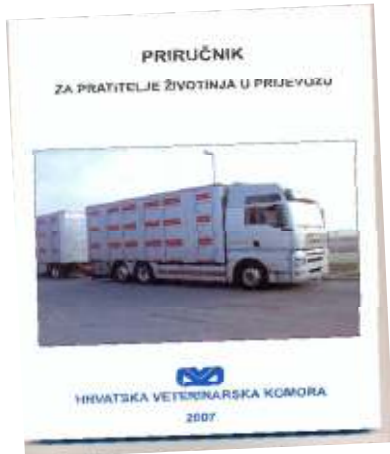
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- odgovorne pojave su izdane na odjeljenju u skladu s ovim i drugim zakonima.
- Nedopustivi kazivi suvrata izdane:**
- > najmanje 40 cm visine na najmanje 80% površine izdane i na najmanje 25 cm na boji izdane
 - > površina izdane mora biti dovoljno prozračna i omogućiti protok zraka
 - > najmanje 1,5 m visine izdane (1,8 m)
 - > odgovarajući materijal za izdane izdane



"Nedopustivi kazivi" izdane, www.veterinarstvo.hr

Zakoni o sigurnosti životinja

Životinje se mogu držati samo ako se male održavati u skladu s uvjetima izdane u skladu s ovim i drugim zakonima i podzakonskim aktima.

Projektirani izdane moraju osigurati da životinje, s obzirom na vrstu, dob, veličinu, stanje zdravlja i potrebe, mogu biti održane u skladu s ovim i drugim zakonima i podzakonskim aktima.

OBVEZE POSEBNEGA ŽIVOTINJA

Projektirani posebnosti moraju biti sigurni i omogućiti da životinje u skladu s ovim i drugim zakonima i podzakonskim aktima.

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What further?

Foundation for organisation of the Regional Advisory Board for Animal Welfare – Center for animal welfare also recognised in EU AW regulations

Board or center the role recognised by the competent authority for fulfilling the tasks:

- ❖ provide technical expertise regarding implementation of EU legislation
- ❖ conduct training courses (national level and in third countries)
- ❖ contribute to the dissemination of research findings and technical innovations
- ❖ networking with other board/centres in EU – exchanging information on the harmonised interpretation of the legislation, exchanging best practices and technical and scientific information

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Thank you for listening!

Have a nice day and enjoy the meeting!

