



# FEEVA

**Federation of European Equine Veterinary Associations**

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# **Protocol for Developing and Adopting FEEVA Statements**

# Types of Statements

- Consensus Statements
  - Research based
  - Panel of Acknowledged Experts
  - Evidence based
  - State of the Art
  - Periodic re-evaluation

e.g. ECEIM, ACVIM, Havemeyer Foundation

# Types of Statements

- Position Statement
  - A statement setting out the considered position or policy of an organisation with respect to a particular matter
  - e.g. AAEP, BEVA, ? FEEVA

# Is it appropriate for FEEVA to publish position statements?

- Reputable, international, not for profit, representative organisation
- Represents 20 countries, over 8000 members
- Access to significant expertise resources
- Established working groups in important, relevant areas
- Infrastructure for collation and dissemination of information to and from membership
- **ANSWER - YES**

# Criteria of Selection

- Important, relevant to FEEVA membership
- Of benefit to FEEVA membership and wider Veterinary Community
- Evidence / Science based
- Strong agreement within FEEVA
- Discriminating and infrequent - *'What's seldom is wonderful'*
- Scrupulous Impartiality – does not endorse or promote in any way



# FEEVA Position Statement Protocol

- Concise written submission to FEEVA Board requesting consideration of matter for position statement from –
  - FEEVA National Delegate
  - FEEVA Working Group Leader / Delegate
  - FEEVA Board Member
  - Other
- FEEVA Board discussion and decision re suitability of matter for position statement
- Person/s appointed by FEEVA board to draft statement
- Communicate process and give opportunity for membership to comment
- Approved by relevant Working Group / Committee
- Final Draft subject to review and approval by FEEVA board
- Publication of FEEVA position statement



# FEEVA PPE Position Statement





# Background

- Third PPE Symposium, Birmingham, UK 2016
- Discussion about DSP Radiography
- Unanimous agreement by show of hands



# FEEVA Position Statement

FEEVA considers that there is no evidence of a correlation between radiographic appearance of the dorsal spinous processes of the back and future risk of disease in asymptomatic horses.

FEEVA does not recommend that such radiography is included in a standard pre-purchase radiographic protocols.



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*Thank you for your attention*