FVE’s views and action points for safe import and keeping of exotic animals in Europe

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FVE is a Federation of 43 veterinary organisations in 38 European countries

FVE represents over 200 000 veterinarians
FVE also includes four international groups:

1. Veterinary Practitioners (UEVP)
2. Hygienists and Public Health Veterinarians (UEVH)
3. Veterinary State Officers (EASVO)
4. Veterinarians in industry, research and education (EVERI)
The European veterinary profession, embodied by FVE, strives to promote **animal health, animal welfare and public health** across Europe.

Together with its members, FVE aims to support veterinarians to deliver their **professional responsibilities** at the best possible level, **recognized and valued by the society**.
750 - 1.000 €

Source: Michel Guenanten

1.500-2.000 €

Source: Christian Doaré
• 60% of human pathogens
• 85% of emerging pathogens
• 73% of 177 emerging human pathogens

• Monkey B virus / macaques
• Salmonella / turtles
• Cowpox virus / rats

• Monkeys / herpes virus
• Ferrets / flu virus
Rats and cowpox

Source: Wikipedia et 30 millions d'Amis
Parrots of telegraph hill

ACTION POINT #1

• Clear definitions: domesticated animal, exotic, new companion animal, ...
• List and categorisation
ACTION POINT #2

- Harmonised legislation
- Proper enforcement
ACTION POINT #3

- EU label
- Fines doubled when dead animal
ACTION POINT #4

Traceability = identification + registration
ACTION POINT #5

Information of the public
- Husbandry, standards / species
- Campaigns
ACTION POINT #6

Education and training of professionals
- Customs officers
- Animal professionals
- Firemen
- Veterinarians
ACTION POINT #7

Mandatory certificate of ownership for certain species
ACTION POINT #8

Restricted movements of certain species
ACTION POINT #9

Prevention in countries of origin
Thank you for your attention!