Identification and Registration of cats and dogs

European overview

Geerhard Vossebeld

Brussels, 29 october 2013
vossebeld@outlook.com
Umbrella organisation of veterinary organisations

- 46 national organisations
- 38 European countries
- More than 200,000 veterinarians
CALLISTO

Companion Animals
multisectorial Interprofessional Interdisciplinary Strategic Think tank On zoonoses
CALLISTO

Investigates zoonotic infectious diseases, possibly transmitted by companion animals.

2012-2014
7 Expert Advisory Groups
International partners and institutions (University of Copenhagen, IAHAIO, Erasmus Medical Centre, WSAVA, FECAVA, ISZAM, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, University of Bristol)
3 annual conferences
Networking and communication
www.callistoproject.eu
Policy actions across Europe

Response of 26 countries

Is there compulsory identification and registration (I&R) in your country for all DOGS?

Is there compulsory I&R in your country for all CATS?
Is there compulsory identification and registration legislation in your country for all dogs?

Yes, No, In process, Unknown
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Country</th>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Country</th>
<th>Year</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Italy</td>
<td>1991</td>
<td>Latvia</td>
<td>2011</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Denmark</td>
<td>1993</td>
<td>Malta</td>
<td>2011</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New Zealand</td>
<td>1996</td>
<td>Slovak Republic</td>
<td>2011</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>France</td>
<td>1999</td>
<td>Spain</td>
<td>2011</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sweden</td>
<td>2001</td>
<td>Northern Ireland</td>
<td>2012</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Slovenia</td>
<td>2003</td>
<td>Netherlands</td>
<td>2013</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Greece</td>
<td>2003</td>
<td>Hungary</td>
<td>2013</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Croatia</td>
<td>2004</td>
<td>Iceland</td>
<td>2014</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Belgium</td>
<td>2004</td>
<td>Wales</td>
<td>2015</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Is there compulsory identification and registration legislation in your country for all cats?

- Yes
- No
- In process
- Unknown
I&R cats

Belgium 2016, neutered and I&R
Bulgaria in process
Denmark several organisations are working on it
Estonia organised by municipal governments
France cats > 7 months, born after 1/1/2012
Greece 2012
Iceland 2014
Iceland in process
Portugal 2011
Slovak Republic ongoing discussion
Sweden
Central database Latvia

Register of Agricultural Data Centre database:

- Species
- Date of birth or age
- Name
- Gender
- Description of the animal (breed, color, special features)
- Microchip number / place of location
- Pet animal passport number
- Address
- Owner
- Date of the last vaccination against rabies etc.
Why I & R

- Population statistics
- Return lost dogs to owners
- Reduce number of dogs in shelters
- Better control in case of an infectious disease (e.g., Rabies)
- Control of dogs regarding bite incidents
- Control of dogs regarding vaccination and medical treatments
- Controlled breeding
- Transport and travel with dogs and cats
- Trade issues
- ....
Future I&R for cats and dogs?