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Federation of Veterinarians of Europe



FVE Updates on EU Matters

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THE FEDERATION OF VETERINARIANS OF EUROPE



46 national associations

38 European countries

4 Sections

- UEVP (*Practitioners*) incl. FEEVA
- UEVH (*Hygienists – Public Health Officers*)
- EASVO (*Veterinary State Officers*)
- EVERI (*Education, Research, Industry*)

>330 000 veterinarians

Veterinarians know, care and contribute

FVE priority topics currently:

1. Biosecurity and enabling preventive care
2. Workforce distribution shortages
3. Medicines availability (SRumi) and **SPC issue**
4. Finalisation 4th Vetsurvey report
5. Update Code of Conduct & veterinary network
6. Start up all new working groups (AW, MWG, AH)





FVE Working Groups 2026 & meeting dates

- Statutory Bodies WG – 9 Sept
- ECCVT – 29 Sept
- Medicines WG – 20 Oct
- Animal Wefare WG – 29 Oct
- MWB & DEI WG – 1 Dec
- **Animal Health Working group (new)** – 27 Nov



FVE's Animal Health webinar series

2025 started with a webinar on zoonotic avian influenza spill-over.





Further webinars addressed Bluetongue Virus, Foot and Mouth Disease, and Lumpy Skin Disease and concluded with a joint webinar on Preventive Animal Health Visits.



The 2026 series continued with Feed and Food Security, a webinar on PPR, on FIP and Newcastle Disease .













Last webinar: Shamonda virus



The programme featured:

- Welcome by Jane R. Clark (FVE)
- Virology & Epidemiology of Symbol Serogroup Viruses, by **Kerstin Wernike** (FLI, Germany)
- Clinical Metagenomics & Outbreak Discovery, by **Jean-Luc Guérin** (National Veterinary School of Toulouse – ENVT/INRAE, France)
- On-Farm Dynamics & Swiss Field Survey Insights, presented by **Helen Huber** (Calf Health Service Switzerland – RGS, Switzerland)

Recording and report: Recap: FVE Webinar – Shamonda Europe Virus in Cattle: What Veterinarians Need to Know Now – FVE – Federation of Veterinarians of Europe.

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‘Prevention and vaccination is better than culling’

- **It’s time** to strengthen prevention including veterinary advise on biosecurity & vaccination – Position Paper on Biosecurity adopted in June 2026
- **It’s time** for strategic priority investing in veterinary services
- **It’s time** to strengthen vaccination programmes against listed diseases, embracing innovation in vaccine development – Position paper was unanimously adopted in the 2025 November GA
- **It’s time** to review trade rules and enable vaccination-to-live for some diseases

Animal Health Working Group – New FVE Working Group





New EU Regulation on the Welfare and Traceability of Dogs and Cats

- *Regulation (EU) 2026/1818*
  Published: **10 August 2026**
  Applies from: **10 August 2028**
- It creates **common requirements across EU Member States**
- The rules affect **owners, breeders, veterinarians and establishments**



Responsibilities on Identification and Registration

- All dogs and cats shall be identified
  - for pet owners/other non-operators:
    - dogs: 2036
    - cats: 2041
- Operators and pet owners shall ensure **identification within 3 months of birth and before placing animals on the market**
- *animals entering pet shops, shelters, or foster homes shall be identified within 30 days



All online ads shall display a warning on responsible ownership.

- Buyers must receive identification, registration, and ownership information, which can be checked through an online verification system.
- **Breeders/sellers shall provide the buyer with written information on responsible ownership**



Scan. Download. Read. Apply.

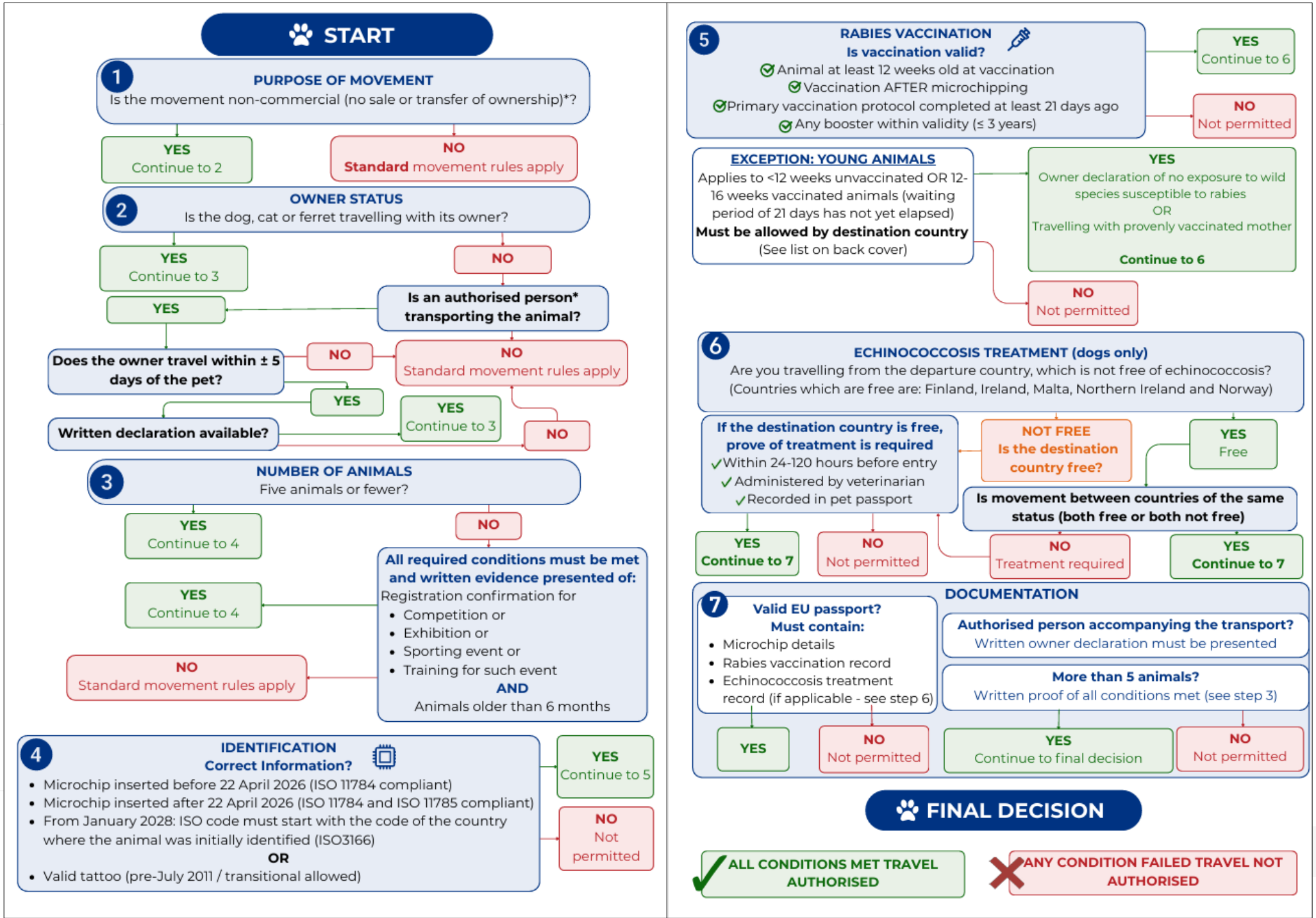
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Non-commercial movement of pets

Outside view



2.c) Non-commercial movement of pets – - draft guideline

Inside view

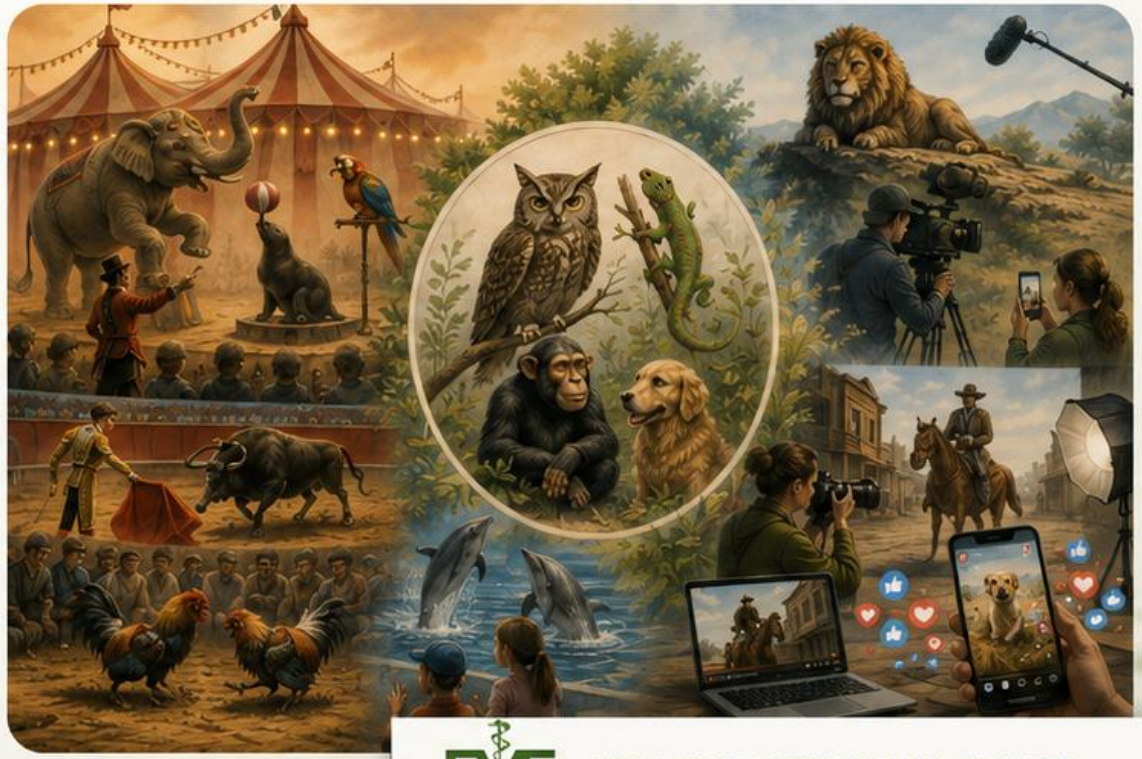


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Animals in entertainment

Key recommendations

- Prioritise **animal welfare** as a core value
- Create comprehensive **welfare guidelines** for all sectors that use animals in entertainment.
- Develop **assessment tools** to evaluate, grade, and improve the welfare of animals used in entertainment, 3Rs principles
- Apply post-performance **retirement plans**



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Joint FVE FECAVA Draft position on the use of animals in entertainment

DRAFT FOR FVE MEMBER CONSULTATION
PLEASE SUBMIT COMMENTS BY 06/09/2026

The purpose of this joint FVE/FECAVA position paper is to address the welfare **and legislative concerns surrounding the use of animals in entertainment,** responding to the evolving societal values and norms, public and legal recognition of animal sentience*.

Revised in 2026, and out for possible **adoption in Nov 2026**

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VETSURVEY

2015

13,001 Veterinary professionals

25 European countries

2018

14,559 Veterinary professionals

30 European countries

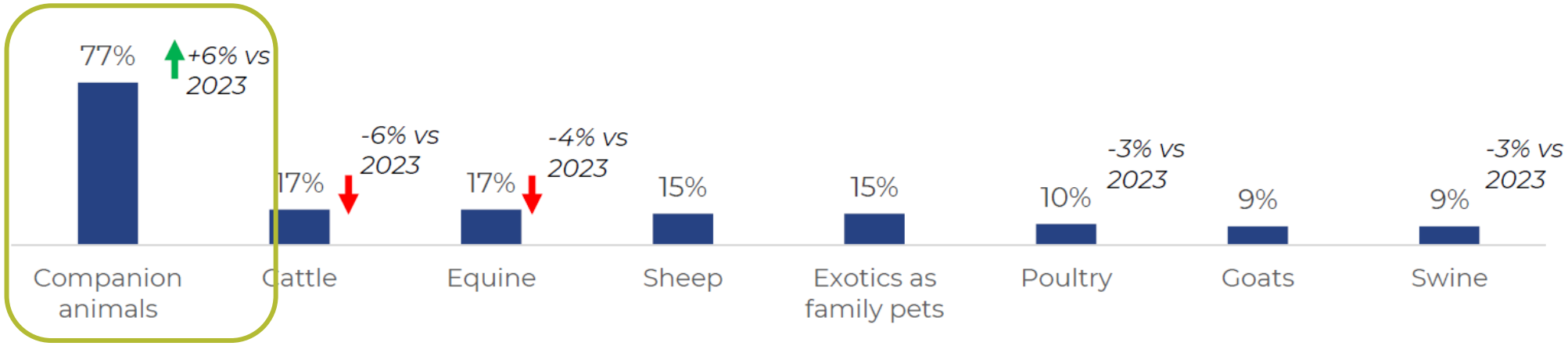
2023

12,397 Veterinary professionals

37 European countries

New FVE VETSURVEY report expected **next weeks**

% treating each species



Brussels General Assembly

Full program:

- **Wednesday 11 Nov:** Mind Matters International event & networking event in FVE office
- **Thursday 12 Nov:** Section GAs and networking dinner
- **Friday 13 Nov:** FVE GA with guest speakers on AHL evaluation, anti & postmortem inspection and illegal trade of pets
- **Saturday 14 Nov:** JIAMRAI meeting on IPC/Biosecurity and AMS



Many papers for vote on the General Assembly

- **Revision of the Code of Conduct and list of Reserved Veterinary Activities**
- **Draft position on animals in entertainment**
- **Draft position on sustainable aquaculture**
- **Reflection paper on raw meat diets for dogs and other commercial diets**



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