



#VoteForAnimals

Take the Animal Welfare Pledge

General Pledge

- ☐ Strive to ensure that animal sentience and its implications is acknowledged in all relevant legislative proposals and policy initiatives that come before the Parliament
- ☒ Promote and support policy developments for the introduction of better animal welfare standards
- ☒ Urge the Commission to ensure efficient enforcement and implementation of animal welfare related legislation in all Member States
- ☒ Support the adoption of a general animal welfare framework law to provide a minimum level of protection to all animals while safeguarding the existing acquis
- ☒ In the case of a revision of the Treaties, support the inclusion of animal welfare as a shared competence
- ☐ Call on the Commission to appoint a Commissioner on Animal Welfare

Farm Animals

- ☒ Endeavour to minimise live animal transport by replacing the transport of live animals for slaughter with the trade of meat and carcasses
- ☒ Promote a swift phase out of the use of all cages for the rearing and keeping of farmed animals
- ☒ Support a revision of the Broiler Directive to substantially improve the welfare of broiler chickens
- ☒ Ensure that farm animal welfare will be made a priority in the implementation of the Common Agricultural Policy
- ☒ End the practice of force-feeding of ducks and geese used for foie gras production
- ☒ Ensure all animals are always effectively stunned prior to slaughter
- ☒ Support the introduction of new rules to safeguard the welfare of fish particularly at the time of slaughter and during transport

Wildlife

- ☒ Support the adoption of an EU positive list of exotic pets determining which exotic animals can be traded and kept in the EU
- ☒ Adopt an EU ban on the use of wild animals in circuses
- ☒ Promote coexistence with and non-lethal management of wildlife in the EU

Equines

- ☒ Promote the welfare and responsible care of equines supported by robust identification and traceability

Pets

- ☒ Promote the introduction of compatible systems of identification and registration of dogs and cats at the EU level in order to ensure more efficient traceability of those animals

Animals in Science

- ☒ Promote the adoption of a comprehensive and concrete EU strategy with milestones to phase out the use of animals in research, testing and education

Trade and Animal Welfare

- ☒ Ensure that imports of animal-based products from third countries fully respect EU animal welfare standards

Intergroup on the Welfare and Conservation of Animals

- ☐ In a desire to join forces with other animal welfare-friendly MEPs, I commit upon my election to join the European Parliament's Intergroup on the Welfare and Conservation of Animals.

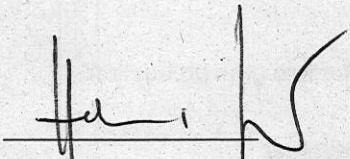
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Thank you for taking the Animal Welfare Pledge in the "Vote for Animals 2019" campaign.