

Animal Welfare report to the General Assembly EE-2013 Bern

First, an epidemic outbreak

The last year around the gigantic European exhibition has once again shown that the virus diseases of animals in our care can only be run after. No one knows what how and when mutates or can be entered into stocks. H5 N1 is not over. In Leipzig, we therefore had to carry out checks on the exhibition. However, the suspected pathogene was H5N2. Now H9 N7 has received a new dimension.

In almost all European countries ND vaccination is required as a preventive measure, but not in Switzerland. Problematic was exhibiting of the not ND-vaccinated chickens from Switzerland.

With ND and ILT, the affected stock is killed in Switzerland. In Brussels, Bern and Leipzig, supported here by Dr. Lütthgen, we tried everything to bring the animals to the exhibitions. Since nobody took responsibility for a for a law break, that was impossible. Our friends in Switzerland is urgently recommended to move their government to a practice change because the killing in such cases is avoidable and ultimately sacrilege of protection of animals.

Thus exhibition bans do not happen in any other country, we have informed our organizations immediately to the EE website to insist in their countries on a legal exemption clause to the ND-compulsory vaccination.

Secondly, Brussels plan

An animal health strategy is worked on intensively in the EU. The EE is included. There has been in recent times a lot of contacts. Here only the most important: We find there support for European approval of vaccines and their deployment. Make sure they put pressure on their countries authorities!

We do not have any chances to get a separate working paper for the veterinary requirements of rabbits on European shows analogous to poultry, pigeons and birds. RHD vaccination is clearly defined as a duty. In this context should also be noted that CITES documents are to be submitted only in birds with change of ownership, not a priori during the deployment. And furthermore: We will do nothing, to deliver the lucky, because without veterinary regulations, Cavia breeders to the Brussels authorities.

Third, animal protection legislation

Germany has a new Animal Welfare Law, and how you know intensive animal welfare discussions in the media. On the background of won the process around the ban on the breeding of ducks with hood and through intensive contacts with parliaments and political parties we have achieved not to include the intended exhibition bans on so-called torment breeds in the law. Only individual animals with scientifically proven evidence can be removed from exhibitions. And that's right in our sense, because we are animal rights activists with animals and want to stay that way.

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