

# **Tasks and functioning of the Advisory Board for Animal Health and Welfare**

summoned by the Committee of the EE

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## **The advisory board is a panel of counsellors**

for the Committee and the general meeting of the EE  
for the affiliated associations in international questions  
referring to animal health and welfare

## **The tasks of the advisory board are based above all on the following guidelines**

the Rio Declaration issued during the UNCED conference at Rio de Janeiro in 1992,  
“Conservation, sustainable use, just distribution of a wide range of biological diversity  
also applied on species used by man”

the European Convention of November 13<sup>th</sup> 1987 on the protection of domestic  
animals

the guideline of the Council of the EU of July 20<sup>th</sup> 1988 on the protection of  
productive livestock used in agriculture

the additional protocol of May 10<sup>th</sup> 1979 for the European Agreement on the  
protection of animals during international transports of August 28<sup>th</sup> 1980, as well as  
the guideline 91/629/EWG of the Council of the EU of November 19<sup>th</sup> 1991

the animal disease legislation of the EU

the decree 2006/115 of the EU on Avian Influenza

the CITES regulations

the Constitution of the EE

the precise evolution of the legal regulations and the practical situation of animal  
protection in the EU and in the respective countries of the affiliated EE associations

## **Key responsibilities of the advisory board are:**

Taking part in the creation of consistent legal norms in Europe for all species catered  
for by the EE

Conservation of the scope of breeds in the species catered for by exerting an  
influence towards a scientific appreciation of the animal, free of emotions and  
ideology

Taking part in and exerting an influence on official expertises on minimum  
requirements on the husbandry of the breeds and species catered for

Exerting an influence on legislation towards animal transports and animal diseases

Taking part in formulating the breeds' standards to avoid exaggerated demands in  
the standards by cooperating with the sections of the EE and their individual people  
in charge for the European standard as well as by deploying a commissioner for  
animal protection in EE shows as means of effective prevention

Contributing through publications and speeches to avoid characteristics and ways of  
keeping animals that do not match with animal protection in all breeds and species  
catered for the by EE

Counselling of the affiliated associations with respect to questions of legal and  
practical nature especially sensitive as to animal protection and welfare, if, in

advance, a summary of the corresponding national legislation has been furnished in either German, English, French or Russian

Statement on the occurrence of new animal diseases

Mediation of experts for qualification seminars with questions as to animal protection to the affiliated associations

**The functioning of the advisory boards is carried out as is explained hereafter:**

The advisory board always acts in a communicative manner and, above all, in situations with a required presence, concerning interdisciplinary questions after clearance with the Committee of the EE or the chairmen of the individual sections.

The advisory boards receives its main impulse for its work from the Committee and the individual sections. However, via its chairman, the advisory board can formulate queries, air wishes and give incentives to these panels.

The advisory board meets on a regular basis on the occasion of the EE meetings and, if need be, during the EE shows. For the time being, the members of the advisory board try to fulfil their assigned task by phone, fax or email. Given the vital necessity of an additional meeting, the chairman of the advisory board sends out an invitation to this meeting in consent with the President of the EE. The compensation for travelling follows in such a case the guidelines applied to normal meetings.

Once a year, before the EE meeting, and in case of topical necessity, the chairman of the board holds council with the chairman of the EU department for animal protection and welfare of the EU Commission.

**The workflow within the advisory board is structured as follows:**

Prof. Dr. Schille: chairman of the board, cooperation with the Committee of the EE and the EU Commission, coordination of the work, section fancy pigeons

H.J.H. Janssen: section domestic fowl and birds

Dr. Hippe: section rabbits and cavies

Dr. Rey-Bellet: section rabbits and cavies

Prof. Dr. Scholl: section fancy pigeons

Dr. Verelst: section domestic fowl