

Re: questions asked on survey for the Eurobarometer 2016 for Animal Welfare

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Wed 10/4/2017 11:23 AM

Tribunal

To: Thilo Hane <thilohane@hotmail.com>;

Dear Thilo,

Yes, many thanks for your email. Of course, I will look into this and let you know how Eurogroup can help as soon as possible.

All the best,

Giulia

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On 4 October 2017 at 11:15, Thilo Hane <thilohane@hotmail.com> wrote:

Dear Giulia,

Did you receive my email.
Will Eurogroup help us?

Best regards,
Thilo HANE.

Le 3 oct. 2017 à 18:17, Thilo Hane <thilohane@hotmail.com> a écrit :

Dear Giulia,

We need your help on behalf of millions of French dogs and cats risking every single year 3 times more lethal serious adverse reactions after being vaccinated against common diseases such as distemper, hepatitis, parainfluenza, rabies and parvo, ..., simply **because French Ministry of Agriculture does not want to comply with Directive 2004/28/EC** relating to veterinary medicinal products (http://www.biosafety.be/PDF/2004_28.pdf) **neither does it follow OIE and VICH** (International Cooperation on Harmonization of Technical Requirements for Registration of Veterinary Medicinal Products) **welfare guidelines in regards of dogs and cats immunologic products.**

On September 13th, 2017 we have lodge a complaint to the European Commission (attached receipt) for France to respect vaccination protocols harmonization at the European level in the name of animal's welfare.

Emmanuel Macron, our French President, writes and tells daily to all French citizens that all solutions are in Europe and faith shall be in Europe however his **own government does not follow simple EU directive and is causing harm to a tremendous amount of dogs and cats.**

As a matter of fact, our **French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety** publishes yearly a **report stating that 71% of all serious adverse reactions declared about dogs and cats are happening after vaccination** and that yearly the agency records **+40% of pharmacovigilance declarations** because **French veterinarians under-report serious adverse reactions.**

France has a long history of vaccination starting with rabies. In fact, rabies is the only vaccination subjects to a decree (Decree of 10 October 2008 on the terms and conditions of rabies vaccination of pets).

That decree on its 3rd article (see attached document) up to this day gives all freedom to pharmaceutical labs to decide on the duration of immunity of their vaccines in France.

We therefore have a grotesque situation where Pharma Labs issue 1 year labels on vaccinations sold on French soil when they issue 3 years labels on exact same vaccinations sold everywhere else in Europe even though risks are scientifically known and repeatedly published on official French government documents stating that vaccination renewed yearly increases risks of harming health and decreasing welfare of domestic animals.

We are asking for the 3rd article of the rabies vaccination Decree to be abrogated so

"in the name of animal welfare and the benefits/risks here measured in terms of animal health, primary vaccination and rabies boosting vaccination of domestic carnivores, domestic herbivores and pigs **shall be carried out in accordance with the protocol of use providing the longest immunity period established at international level by the producing institutes for each vaccine** which has been granted marketing authorization as provided for in Article 2 above."

Only then will we be able to write again to pharma labs asking them to change also labels of other vaccinations (distemper, parvo, etc.) from 1 year to 3 years in accordance with the longest immunity period established for their identical products presently on the European market as long as the aim is achieved by means which cannot hamper the development of the pharmaceutical industry and trade in medicines within the European Union.

Whenever we lose our companion, it is a member of our family that we are losing and as proved by psychologist it feels to us as a human loss.

Please help us while letting the rest of Europe know about our campaign and why writing to the European Commission to back us up. We need your help. Please make some noise about our work so that it does not end up with an "ineligible conclusion" from the EU Commission.

December 2015: we wrote to Pharma Labs => REPLY: "they are doing their best"

February 2016: we wrote to OIE President => REPLY: "it is up to France to make right changes"

March 2016: we wrote to French Ministry of Agriculture => REPLY: "everything is fine just the way it is"

January 2017: we lodge a complaint to the Human Rights Defender => REPLY: "we cannot help you"

April 2017: we wrote to former President F. HOLLANDE => REPLY: "we are forwarding your request to Ministry of Agriculture"

August 2017: we wrote to E. MACRON => REPLY: none.

September 2017: we lodge a complaint to the European Commission and do not know yet if it will be treated or not.

All our letters and replies are visible at: <http://www.canisethica.org/actions/vaccination-bienfaisante/courriers/>

Best regards,

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PS: We are the young French association working on better life conditions for breeding animals.

After lobbying at the agriculture ministry on 2015 we have obtained on 2017 for dogs:

- _ stop of inbreeding practices with no litters' registration by the French kennel club in such case
- _ Creation of a digital tool for mating in order to increase genetic pools (decrease genetic diseases)
- _ 5 generations pedigrees with COI and AVK mentioned on each pedigrees
- _ More vigilance on animal's welfare in dog shows and exhibitions.

Etc.

From: Thilo Hane <thilohane@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 9:34 AM

To: Giulia Tarsitano

Cc: Sophie De Jonckheere

Subject: Re: European Commission: questions asked on survey for the Eurobarometer 2016 for Animal Welfare

Dear Giulia,

Indeed, it is a great idea!

Our new president Emmanuel MACRON has Europe as his number one priority and unfortunately believes that a Secretary of State in charge of animal welfare would be of no use in France because that secretary wouldn't have a politic program.

He is challenging us to prove him that our aims are worth being taken seriously so we are working on that.

Once done we will collect money in order to create a french survey to emphasize media pressure on him. (European survey wouldn't have french opinion feeling concerned enough we believe)

Thinking ahead we are therefore already starting to think over questions which could make that survey however it will be our final step. Many things might positively change by then and therefore modify the way our survey will be turned. For now we need to work hard on how to make our propositions look more serious/political in order to be properly digested by president elect teams.

We have politicians supporting us who will be helping.

Knowing today who the prime minister is going to be and then tomorrow what team he/she will have will give us stronger hint on how to make ourselves more credible (keeping in mind that prime minister's team might shift as early as end of June again).

It is exciting, challenging and we will get there!

I will definitely send you an email when we get to the final phase: creating the french survey.

Thank you for all your good work and support!

Thilo.

Le 12 mai 2017 à 16:43, Giulia Tarsitano <g.tarsitano@eurogroupforanimals.org> a écrit :

Dear Ms Hane,

No bother at all, I had forwarded this message to our Communications and Development Manager to seek her advice about who to contact in the Animal Health and Welfare Unit. I am glad you found the necessary documentation, should you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact me again. I really appreciate your initiative as indeed the recent presidential elections offer a great opportunity to promote change and a greater positive impact on the welfare of animals.

As I mentioned to you earlier, I am Programme Officer for Companion Animals and I recently joined Eurogroup for Animals to also support the work of Joe Moran, our Programme Leader for the Cat&Dog and Equine dossiers. It would be great if we could arrange another phone call as it would be very interesting for us to hear more about the survey you are thinking of preparing and the work of your organisation.

Eurogroup for Animals and the members of our Working Groups are currently discussing a 2018 flagship campaign to promote responsible ownership and care of companion animals, one of the options currently under assessment is an EU wide poll on the subject. I believe it would be valuable to see whether we have common goals that we could achieve throughout a collaborative work.

I look forward to hearing back from you, have a lovely weekend.

Best Regards,

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On 12 May 2017 at 14:18, Thilo Hane <thilohane@hotmail.com> wrote:

Sorry for bothering you Mrs Tarsitano.

I found the questions.

Thank you.

From: Thilo Hane <thilohane@hotmail.com>

Sent: Friday, May 12, 2017 1:34 PM

To: g.tarsitano@eurogroupforanimals.org

Subject: European Commission: questions asked on survey for the Eurobarometer 2016 for Animal Welfare

Dear Mrs Tarsitano,

Following our phone conversation, could you please give me a hint on who I should contact from the European Commission's Animals Health and Welfare Unit in order to know which questions were asked to European citizens on the December 2015 survey leading to the Eurobarometer for animal welfare 2016 ?

We would like to take benefit of our new president of France's arrival to build a survey that will pressure him to open a Secretary of State position for Animal Welfare.

Having an idea of questions asked on that survey would help us be more efficient.

Best regards,

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From: Thilo Hane <thilohane@hotmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2015 3:43 PM

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Subject: Ethic, Biodiversity and dog breeding in France

Dear Mr. Moran,

The French Kennel Club is about to have its statutes modified. Last time it was in 1952, next time might be half a century far. They are presently being studied by the french Agricultural Ministry for approval. Unfortunately those statutes are surprisingly ethical free. They do not contain a single word about dogs: well-being, genetic variability preservation, cruelty within dog breeding practices prevention.

I, a French citizen, therefore started writing to Deputies, the Agricultural Ministry, the Council of state and to the French Kennel Club President one month ago.

I presently am getting support from deputies (Mr. LUCA: vice-president of the Group study for Animal Protection at our National Assembly being one of them) who in return write to Mr. LE FOLL Minister of agriculture demanding those ethical notions to be introduced. Also I am getting support from Mr. Dominique Bourg (philosopher and vice-president of the Nicolas Hulot Foundation) and Jacques Bregeon founder of the College of Advanced Studies of the Environment and Sustainable Development and President of the Education Operational Committee of the Grenelle Environment in France.

I would appreciate your help on this matter. A letter from you might help bringing awareness at the Agricultural Ministry Bureau for, as you mentioned it: "Welfare standards vary widely between breeders of cats and dogs across the EU. This has a huge potential impact both on the animals themselves and the consumers who buy cats and dogs as pets. For instance, poor breeding practices have been highlighted as producing puppies which are both physically and behaviourally unsound."

Thank you for your time.

Best regards,
Mrs Thilo HANE