Continuing Training and Education of Graduate Veterinarians in Animal Welfare

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URUGUAY

12,000,000

3,000,000 PEOPLE

8,000,000

800,000

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OIE Collaborating Centre Chile-Uruguay on Animal Welfare for the Americas (2009)

Instituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell’Abruzzo e del Molise “G. Caporale” Italy.

Massey University, New Zealand & other Australian Universities
SESION GENERAL DE OIE
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“Trabajando juntos por el Bienestar Animal en las Américas”

“Working together for Animal Welfare in the Americas”

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Main Goals of the OIE Collaborating Centre Ch-Uru

• **TRAINING** on Animal Welfare
  • to **all** levels

• **DISEMINATION** of Good Practices
  – Local & regional

• **RESEARCH**
  – Projects
  – Thesis (pre & postgraduates)
  – Internships for students from different Universities

The CC has no funding, so it should appeal to different ways to get resources, national & international agencies, NGOs (eg.WSPA), etc.
In Uruguay research at the meat chain showed:

- 60% of carcass bruises
- Condemned meat up to 2 kg/ slaughtered animal
- Losses due to bad handling practices in 2003 up to:
  - U$S 41/ slaughtered animal
  - U$S 80 millions/year
  - 3000 Tons/year
- One million people would eat 30 kg beef/year

INAC-INIA-CSU, 2003; Huertas 2006
A CONTINUING TRAINING TO:
TO SCIENTISTS AND TECHNICIANS

Best Handling Practices and Animal Welfare

In the Animal Welfare Centre (Campus N° 1 Vet. Fac. Migues, Canelones, Uruguay)

Through the Continued Education Program of the Veterinary Faculty (PECFV)-Universidad de la República Uruguay & OIE Collaborating Centre on Animal Welfare of the Americas.
TO OFFICIAL VETS:

Course on Humane Slaughter: with the collaboration of Steps Program-WSPA-Brazil (one course/year simultaneously in Chile & Uru)

To the Official Vets working at slaughter plants in Uruguay in 2011 & 2012 with special emphasis on EU Reg. 1099

MORE THAN 800 VETS TRAINED
TO VETS STUDENTS
Optional Courses (from 2004 more than 400 students trained)

TO STOKPERSONS IN RURAL AREA
Courses for Producers (beef & milk), rural employees, stockpersons and truck drivers
(250 courses and more than 4.000 people trained)
Dynamic of the courses:

- Theoretical part
  - Basic concepts on:
    - Animal behavior
    - Flight zone and balance point
    - 5 freedoms concept
    - Economic losses due to bruises

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Dynamic of the courses:

- **Practical part**
  - Moving animals using flags at the facilities
  - Loading and unloading trucks
  - Good application of injections

- **Visits to slaughter houses**
HANDOUTS PRODUCED

Book edited by UDELAR- PERMANENT EDUCATION
AFTER THREE YEARS TRAINING
% of carcass bruises & amount of money lost by slaughtered animal

% 60 bruises

% 30 bruises

INAC-INIA, 2008; Huertas, 2009
Survey of veterinarians’ opinion on the AW courses (Huertas, 2012)

- **Objective:**
  - To collect the perception of the Uruguayan veterinarians that have attended at least one AW course
  - To determine their willingness to continue receiving information and training.

- **M&M**
  - Data collection through an e-mail questionnaire to a sample of 250 veterinarians
1. Number of Continuing Education courses on Animal Welfare/Good Handling Practices that have received:

- None: 13%
- 1: 22%
- 2: 18%
- 3: 4%
- More than 3: 43%

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2. Degree of application of the concepts received

![Bar Graph]

- **n/c**: 20
- **A lot**: 70
- **Few**: 20
- **Nothing**: 0
3. Professional area of performance

- Industry (slaughtering houses) 41%
- Big anim. (cattle) 41%
- n/c 9%
- birds 4%
- pets 5%
4. Importance attached to AW for those who work with animals
5. AW should be part of the veterinary curricula?

- Yes: 85%
- No: 15%
6. Would you attend other training activities in the future?

100% yes

0% no
FINAL REMARKS

- The importance afforded by Uruguay to improving Animal Welfare education amongst professionals
- The active role of the OIE Collaborating Centre in the dissemination of GMP
- The effectiveness of training to improve the welfare of animals
Thank you very much!

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