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### **Information about two cases of SARS-CoV-2 infections in dogs and one cat confirmed by the Friedrich Loeffler Institute**

Dear Madam Director-General,

Earlier this year Germany introduced an obligation for veterinary laboratories to notify findings of SARS-CoV-2 in animals. The Friedrich Loeffler Institute (FLI) has now confirmed two cases of SARS-CoV-2 in dogs according to national reporting requirements. A woman from Rhineland-Palatinate had been infected with SARS-CoV-2 und had also fallen ill. Both of her white shepherd dogs had to be put down by a veterinarian because of high respiratory distress and apathy. The veterinary office had the animals in question tested for SARS-CoV-2. The FLI confirmed the infection with SARS-CoV-2 (low-positive). These are the first confirmed SARS-CoV-2 cases in dogs in Germany.

Furthermore, the FLI confirmed the positive test result for SARS-CoV-2 antibodies by a private laboratory in the blood sample of a 17-year-old Chartreux cat in Hesse. The cat is alive. It was examined due to the fact that the owner had tested positive for SARS-CoV-2.

As of today, we are therefore aware of four confirmed cases among pet animals (two dogs and two cats) and no confirmed cases among livestock.

Yours sincerely

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