Animal welfare for a better world

Development of animal welfare legislation
“The process and partners engagement”

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The United Arab Emirates (UAE) is a federation of seven emirates, Abu Dhabi, Ajman, Dubai, Fujairah, Ras al-Khaimah, Sharjah, and Umm al-Quwain.

UAE's total population was 9.2 million, of which 1.4 million are Emirati citizens and 7.8 million are expatriates.
UAE - Federal legislation concerning the Animal Wealth

1- Legislations regulate animal Import and Export

2- Legislations regulate Animal Health

3- Legislations regulate Animal welfare

4- Legislations regulate Wild life
1- Legislations regulate animal Import and Export

- Federal Law no. 6/1979 and its amendments concerning veterinary Quarantine
- Ministerial resolution no. 460/2001 concerning the By-law of Veterinary Quarantine of GCC countries
- Several Ministerial resolutions regulate the import and export on Live animals and animals Products
2- Legislations regulate Animal Health

| Federal Law no. 10/2002 concerning practicing the Veterinary medicine Profession and its By-law |
| Federal Law no. 8/2013 concerning the protection of Animal diseases and its By-law |
| Federal Law no. 7/2015 concerning the control of banned substances used in field of Equine races and its By-law |
| Several Ministerial resolutions regulate topics related to the Animal Health |
3- Legislations regulate Wild life

Federal Law no. 11/2002 concerning the regulation and monitoring of international trade for endanger species

Ministerial council resolution no. 22/2003 concerning the By –law of Federal Law no. 11/2002 concerning the regulation and monitoring of international trade for endanger species

Federal Law no. 24/1999 concerning Environment protection and development and its amendment

Ministerial resolution No. 346/2012 concerning the importation of wild animals and its amendment

Several Ministerial resolutions and instructions
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4 Legislations regulate Animal welfare

- Federal Law no. 16/2007 concerning Animal Welfare and its amendment
- Ministerial resolution no. 384/2008 concerning the By-law of Animal Welfare
- Several Ministerial resolutions regulate the Animal Welfare
- Law concerning Ownership of the Dangerous species (Draft)
Animal welfare: means how an animal is coping with the conditions in which it lives. An animal is in a good state of welfare if (as indicated by scientific evidence) it is healthy, comfortable, well nourished, safe, able to express innate behavior, and if it is not suffering from unpleasant states such as pain, fear and distress. **Good animal welfare requires disease prevention and veterinary treatment, appropriate shelter, management, nutrition, humane handling and humane slaughter/killing.** Animal welfare refers to the state of the animal; the treatment that an animal receives is covered by other terms such as animal care, animal husbandry, and humane treatment Current legislation concerning Animal Welfare
Fundamentals

We are not working alone
We have international guidelines and programs to be followed.

(OIE guidelines and the OIE-ME regional plan for Animal Welfare)
Fundamentals

Legislation is not a goal but a tool to reach the goal
Animal Welfare is not a matter of legislation only but a public Knowledge, attitude and practice.
Why we engage the Stakeholders and Partners?

Q: Who will implement the legislations?

Q: Who will monitor the Application?

Q: Who will assure the implementation?

Q: Who will apply the penalties and who will be punished?
Mechanism to calculate the percentage of completion for the preparation of legislation

1.1 Ministerial resolution
1.2 Ministerial Council resolution
1.3 Federal Law (Draft)

Step 1: Preparation of the initial draft for the legislation
Step 2: Study the comments of the internal partners
Step 3: Study the comments of the external partners
Step 4: Study the comments of the legal affairs
Step 5: Finalization and internal approval

Percentage of completion

- 100%
- 80%
- 70%
- 50%
- 40%

Colour Index:

- Green
- Yellow
- Red

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How we engage the Stakeholders and Partners?

- Official corresponding
- IT solution via publishing on our Website
- Workshop and seminars
- In some cases (use WTO website); in case of import and export
- What we have new? .....................
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**Objectives:**

1. Develop a common perspective and enhance cooperation between all interested parties of the animals welfare and agree on priorities for action at the national level
2. Discuss Challenges encountered in the animal welfare and analyze the needs to develop a national policy.
3. Determine how can we apply the animal welfare principles effectively, and to determine their relationship with the growth of human society
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**Expected outcomes:**

1. Determine the legislative frameworks required completion.
2. Identify the most important challenges facing the application of Animal Welfare within the UAE.
3. Dissemination of awareness and knowledge about the legislation and the Animal welfare applications that are implemented in the country.
4. Set frameworks and mechanisms for the implementation of a national plan to activate the animal welfare applications at the national level.

In addition, it is expected to result in ideas to develop the national plan for AW.
The Program topics:

1. References and principles for Animal Welfare.
2. Legislation and government activities in this area.
3. Expertise and experiences in the field of animal welfare.
4. Working groups.
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Working groups:

- Legislation
- Markets and Farms
- Slaughter-houses and Transportation
- Stray Animals
- Animal Fighting
- Wild Animals
- Monitoring
- Collaboration and coordination
Main recommendations and results:

In our Strategic plan 2017-2021:

- Identify our AW priorities,
- Have a network of partners
- Gather many Proposal, ideas and methods supporting our work in to develop the national plan for Animal Welfare.
Thank you

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