



THIS PROJECT IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE:

- **With equivalent animal health certification standards** producers of live animals and animal origin products will be able to export to regional and international markets
- **Production of animal-friendly and high-quality products** as a result of keeping and raising, transport and slaughter of animals in conditions that support five freedoms*
- **Promoting responsible dog ownership** will help to decrease incidence of straying and welfare problems, risks to public safety and reduce the number of dog bite incidents
- **Improved biosecurity standards** will help to minimize a risk for animal health and support sustainability of agriculture and protection of environment

*Five freedoms:

1. **Freedom from hunger and thirst** (by ready access to fresh water and diet to maintain health and vigour)
2. **Freedom from discomfort** (by providing an appropriate environment including shelter and a comfortable resting area)
3. **Freedom from pain, injury and disease** (by prevention or rapid diagnosis and treatment)
4. **Freedom to express normal behaviour** (by providing sufficient space, proper facilities and company of the animal's own kind)
5. **Freedom from fear and distress** (by ensuring conditions and treatment which avoid mental suffering)

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

- Animal health and welfare standards in line with EU legislation, improved economy of farmers and food industry, trade of live animals and animal origin products and their competitiveness in local and international markets
- Efficient animal disease control strategy enabling to reduce risk of transmission of animal diseases to animals and people
- Elevated consumer confidence in food producers through better animal welfare standards at the primary production
- Improvement on biosecurity on animal holdings and support for sustainable animal health policy
- Reduced dog straying and welfare problems and risks to public safety



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