Animal Welfare

- Welfare essential part of FEEVA and FVE remit
- FEEVA representative on the FVE/UEVP Welfare Group
- 2/3 Face-to-Face meetings per year
- New members on Group, and old ones lost, as has had 2 years
First meeting, proposal to risk assess animal welfare issues: FEEVA submitted horse welfare issues.

In first two years the AWWG worked on prioritised Position Statements (next slide).

Also carried out a priority “Risk Analysis”: equines are a minor species, 7-8 million in Europe.
Statements so far:

- Circus animals
- Veterinary Officer training
- Undergraduate training and Welfare CPD
- Welfare component of all CPD
- Stray dogs (FECAVA)
EQUINE WELFARE EXPERT MEETING convened by DG Sante. Open to ideas on ID, food chain issues, transport, welfare – still active


Transport Guidelines, welfare guidelines, co-authored by FEEVA and WHW published last year
The guidelines:

Practical Guidelines to Assess Fitness for Transport of Equidae (Horses, Ponies, Donkeys and their Hybrids)
SANCO/2014/G3/006
‘Pilot project on best practices for animal transport’
DRAFT REPORT on responsible ownership and care of equines (2016/2078(INI))
Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development
Rapporteur: Julie Girling

- report on back of Removing the Blinkers

Available for comment
FEEVA develop own Welfare Position Statements:

For example:
- **End of Life**
- **Sports’ Horses**
- Transport
- Training of keepers, welfare codes for horse farms/livery yards/competition horse
- **Disease**

Have the Goodwill. Do we have the resources?
Horse hospitals