

FEEVA Equine Welfare Working Group 2022

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Extended Network

- Contact person from each FEEVA-member
- First meeting Welfare Seminar in Amsterdam 28th of January 2023



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Four Zoom-meetings

E-mail conversations

Statement and follow-up on PMSG-production on Iceland

Position papers

Planning Welfare Seminar in Amsterdam

PMSG -hormone of double misery

- Statement: "FEEVA and FVE call to stop both the import and European production of PMSG and other related products if blood collection procedures in horses do not live up to animal welfare standards."
- You-tube films on FEEVA website. Recent release from AWF <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3OX4qu1zJzw>
- Ministry of Agriculture in Iceland has recognized welfare issues and call for improved control
- Lack of legal control and protocols for horses used in production of pharmaceutical products.



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Topics of interest

Social License to operate

Assessing Quality of Life

Protocols for assessing pain and distress; AI, ethogram

Intrinsic value, methods making decision re: horse welfare

Obesity and related disease

Veterinary procedures; treatments affecting welfare

Position paper

Animal welfare implications of animal behaviour and training

- FVE (FEEVA WSAVA) joint position paper
- Companion animals and horses
- First consultation - first revision
- Second consultation - more comments and concerns
- Second revision- on going, FVE GA in spring



Position paper

Management and control of horse welfare in Equestrian sport via monitoring and examining for lesions caused by equipment and helping aids.

- Background: Oral lesions and need for standardized protocols
- Now also includes spur marks, whip marks and noseband
- First consultation- dead line 16th of November
- First revision- Dec-Feb 2023
- Vote at FEEVA GA 2023?



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On-going and future

Monitoring PMSG-production

Re-wilding project

Monitoring EU-Commission activities, eg caging of animals, transport, slaughter, animal language, horse-human interactions

Continue cooperating with other organisations, eg Voluntary initiative on Equidae (PAW), FEI, World Horse Welfare, National Equestrian Federations



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Every horse matters