Importance of animal welfare in Hungary and the role of veterinarians
Traditions of animal husbandry – in the beginning

Árpád Feszty: Arrival of the Hungarians, 1894
Traditions of animal husbandry – pantry of Europe
Animal welfare - first steps

- 1279: Council in Buda
- 1426: Regulation on the protection of forests (*King Zsigmond*)
- 1729: Regulation on hunting and birding (*King Károly III*)
- 1787: University of veterinary sciences, Budapest (*Sándor Tolnay*)
- 1840’s: First mediator: *János Salamon Petényi*
Animal welfare - first steps

1872  First Hungarian hunting law
1874  First Hungarian animal health law
1879  First Hungarian forestry law
1888  Hungarian Veterinary Authority
1893  National Ornithological Centre (*Ottó Herman*)

National Animal Protection Society
Animal welfare - first steps

„Napról-napra jobban kezdik belátni az emberek, hogy az állatok mily nagy szolgálatot tesznek, mennyire hasznosak és szükségesek nekünk. És kezdenek több-több gondot fordítani az állatokra, némelyek gyöngéd szívük sugallatát követve, abban a tudatban, hogy az ember lévén az ur, nem illik hozzá kegyetlenkedni a szolgálatára teremtett állatokon s panaszkodni ugy sem tudónak panaszra adni okot”

Sándor K. Nagy
president of the National Animal Protection Society
1898
Social demand for detailed legislation

Criticism of intensive farming systems
Deliberate consumption

Number of pets have increased
Nowadays a pet is found in the majority of Hungarian households
Milestones

1998 Act on the protection and humane treatment of animals

2004 Penal Code: animal cruelty is a criminal act
History of special legislation

1997  dangerous dogs
1998  laboratory animals, animal welfare fine
1999  time of slaughter or killing, farm animals, dangerous animals, national animal welfare board
2001  zoo animals
2004  European legislation
2007  circus animals
2010  pet animals
Veterinary authority

Enforcement of legislation

Authorization

Official controls (risk based, checklists)

transport – 137.255
slaughter – 1132
large scale farms – 1823
small scale farms – 4617

Information

Instruction
Veterinary authority

Ministry of Rural Development
State Secretary for the Food Chain Safety and Agricultural Administration (CVO)
Department of Food Chain Control
Agricultural Office
Directorate for Animal Health and Animal Welfare
County Government Office
Directorates for Food Chain Safety and Animal Health
Districts
Private vets – farm animals

Activity of private vets is bound up with the work of the authority

Everyday contact with the farmers and their livestock
Direct chance to improve animal welfare
Private vets – pets

Exclusive relationship with the majority of animal keepers

Opportunity to give a new approach

Responsibility
Private vets – wildlife conservation
Thank you for your attention.