40 Years of Animal Welfare

MILESTONES

- 1974: First EU legislation on protection of animals in slaughterhouses
- 1977: European Convention on animal welfare
- 1978: Protection of pigs
- 1986: Protection of calves
- 1999: Protocol to the Treaty of Amsterdam: “…animals are sentient beings…”
- 2003: Veterinarian agreement incl. animal welfare (EU-Chile)
- 2004: First global conference on animal welfare (EU-OIE)
- 2005: First set of global standards (OIE)
- 2007: Ban on animal testing for cosmetics
- 2009: Article 13 Lisbon Treaty: “…animals are sentient beings…”
- 2012: Ban on conventional cages for laying hens
- 2013: Ban of individual sow stalls

Breach of EU Law

- 200 WARNING LETTERS
- 21 COURT CASES
In Europe, there are:

- 12 million sows
- 360 million laying hens
- 330 million eggs consumed and processed per day
- 10 million chickens slaughtered per day
- 1 million sheep, horses, cows and pigs slaughtered per day

Transported for more than 8 hours:

- 4 million cattle per year
- 28 million pigs per year
- 4 million sheep per year
- 243 million poultry per year
- 150,000 horses per year

FVO (Food and Veterinary Office): 15 inspections per year = 250 days of on-site visits