

# EU Coordinated Control Plan (CCP) on online sales of dogs and cats

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# Background



Success of the first coordinated control plan (*on food supplements and novel foods*).

Internet offers for sale of dogs and cats are increasing

Non-compliant sales of dogs and cats could lead to certain risks

Support from Member States (at *CVO and PAFF meetings*) to launch an EU CCP on this subject





# Key factors

- **High value business** – (1 puppy may cost more than 1000 €)
- **Animal welfare** (Council Regulation 1/2005)
- **Public and animal health** (Council Directive 92/65, Regulation of EP and Council 576/2013 and secondary legislation)
- **Consumer protection** (frauds linked to breed, origin, health status)





## CCP on online sales of dogs and cats (objectives)

- Strengthen cooperation and administrative assistance between Member State authorities in this area;
- Gain insight into misleading or fraudulent practice;
- Gain insight into the volume of dogs and cats sold via the Internet;
- Raise awareness: online sales are subject to official controls
- Build know-how on law enforcement.



## CCP on online sales of dogs and cats (description)

- **The participation is voluntary!**
- Control authorities of Member States are asked to search in the Internet for websites offering dogs and cats.
- Check only websites which offer dogs and cats for sale (or for adoption against payment).
- The CCP is carried out for a defined time period followed by reporting to the Commission.





## Factors of success

- **Interest and proactive attitude of Member States;**
- **A clear legal base, precise recommendations and clear descriptions of the control purposes;**
- **A well-defined time frame for the controls;**
- **A clear guidance and templates for MS to report the data.**



# Thank you for your attention!!!

