



MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Importance of animal welfare in Hungary and the role of veterinarians

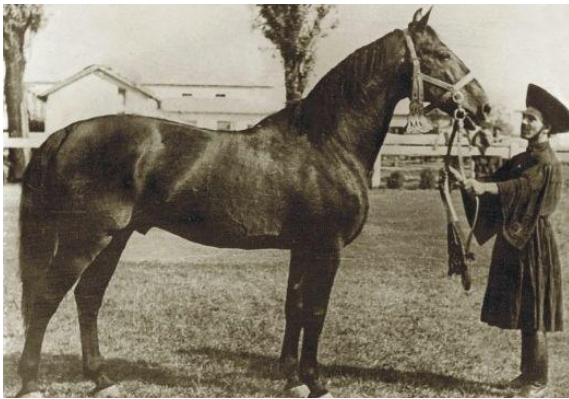


Traditions of animal husbandry – in the beginning



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 szivük sugallatát követve, abban a tudatban, hogy az ember lévén az ur, nem illik hozzá kegyetlenkedni a szolgálatára teremtett állatokon s panaszkodni úgy 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, national aw board, dangerous animals
- 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





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