FUTURE CHALLENGES IN VETERINARY MEDICINE

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HIGHER QUALIFICATION AND SPECIALISATION OF PRACTITIONERS







VETS AS DOCTORS for ANIMALS



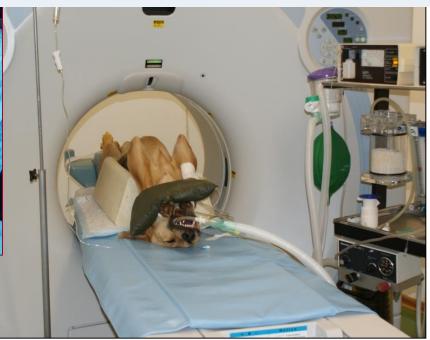
MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH OF BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH





- Regenerative medicine
- Vaccines
- GMOs as model of human diseases

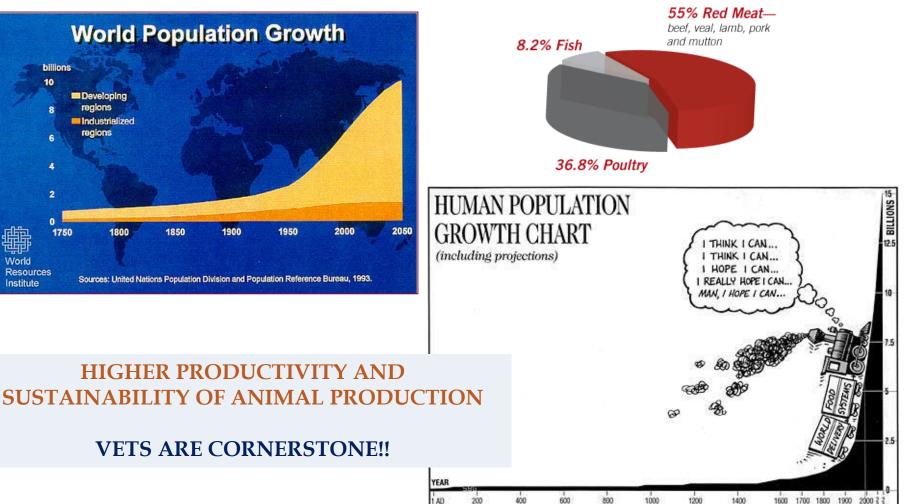
VETS AS SAFEGUARDS OF ANIMAL WELFARE IN ANIMALS USED FOR RESEACH PURPOSES





FEED THE WORLD





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FINANCIAL CRISIS vs BEST USE OF RESOURCES





VETS MUST GUARANTEE

- SUSTAINABILITY FOR FARMERS
- SAFE & NUTRITIVE FOOD FOR CONSUMERS

PROTECT ANIMALS, BIODIVERSITY AND NATURAL RESOURCES



VETS must keep animals free

- From thirst and hunger
- From discomfort
- **•** From pain, injury and disease
- To express normal behaviour
- From fear and distress



EVERYONE IS RESPONSIBLE!!

EU STRATEGY ON ANIMAL WELFARE 2012-2015

- Simpler rulers, better regulation
- Education and formation: IMPROVING TRAINING OF VETS AS INSPECTORS
- Establishment of a network of "Reference Centres"
- Clear, accurate information for consumers

TO RESPECT ANIMAL WELFARE





ANIMAL WELFARE: A NEW VALUE TO ADD FOR CONSUMERS! VETS ARE THE BEST GUARANTEE TO SAFEGUARD ANIMAL WELFARE!

TO KEEP A FREE BUT <u>SAFE</u> MARKET FOR ANIMALS AND FOOD



FOOD SAFETY: A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY!

VETS ARE WORKING TO CONTROL ZOONOSIS AND TO GUARANTEE QUALITY AND SECURITY OF FOOD



PUBLIC HEALTH: ONE HEALTH APPROACH TO FIGHT ZOONOSES



ZOONOSIS

- 60% of human pathogens
- **75%** of emerging diseases
 - HPAI
 - Ebola
 - SARS
 - MERS
 - Rabies
 - Anisakiasis
 - E coli 0157
 - Brucellosis
 - Anthrax
 - West Nile
 - Q Fever,...



Newsweek

What You Need to Know The New Age of Epidemics





PUBLIC HEALTH REQUIRES MULTIDISCIPLINARY INTEGRATION VETS ARE FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE AGAINST ZOONOSIS AT SOURCE

A MODERN VETERINARIAN IS...



- Much more than a practitioner!
- Multidisciplinary integration
- Leadership on Animal Health and Welfare
- Strong impact in society: Food Safety & Public Health
- Promoting and applying One Health approach
- Increasing social functions as analyser, instructor, advisor, evaluator,...



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CONGRATULATIONS!