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An innovative tool for canine population knowledge management leading to responsible dog ownership.

Structure of the site

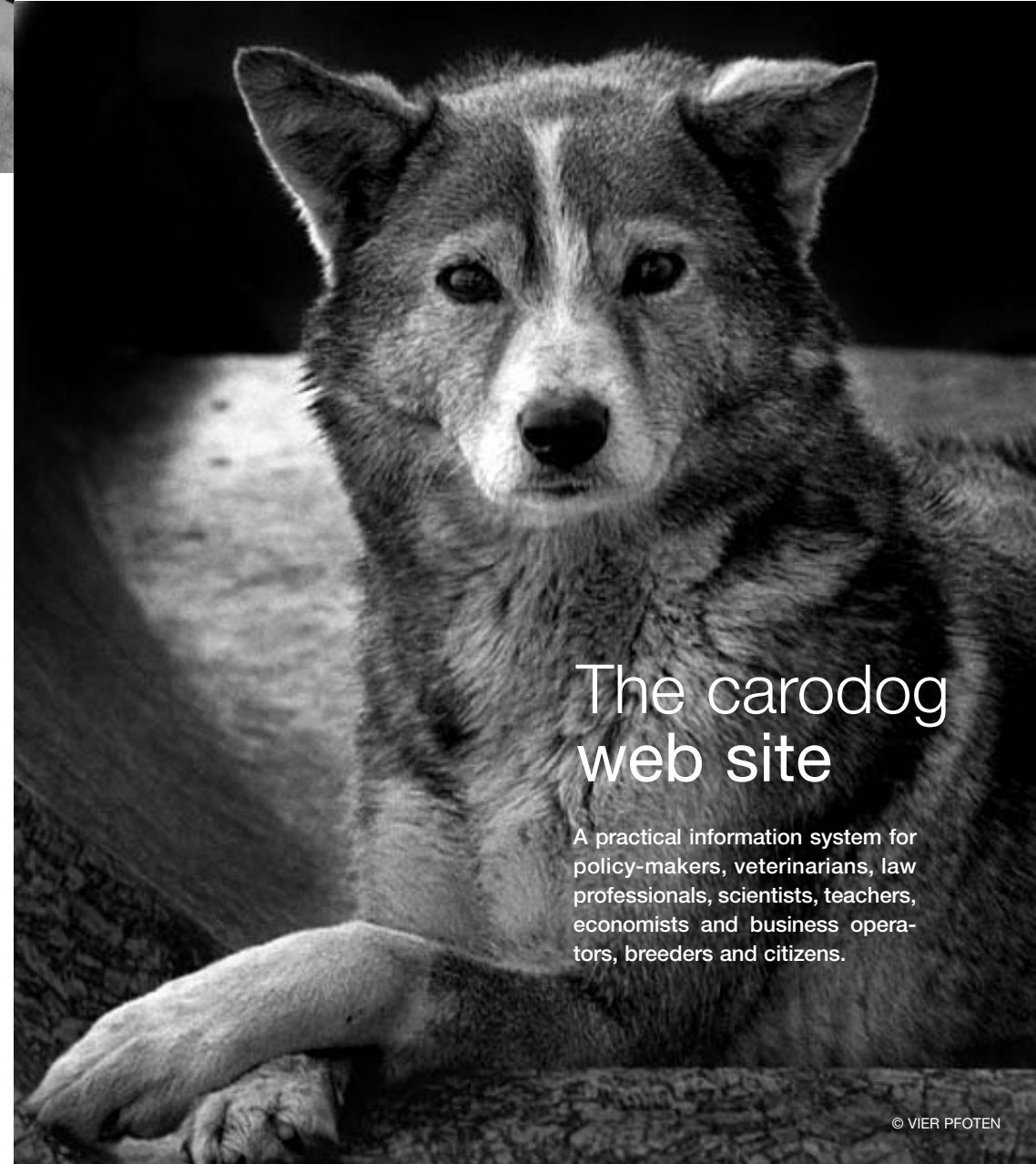
Dog ownership and canine overpopulation, solution strategies, a library, tools, projects and programmes, news and events: the information is all structured according to this architecture, designed to provide the most transparent and direct access to information

What does
carodog
stand for?



Contact

The launch of the project is planned for september 2010. Until then, please contact us via info@carodog.eu, or follow our progress on www.carodog.eu



The carodog web site

A practical information system for policy-makers, veterinarians, law professionals, scientists, teachers, economists and business operators, breeders and citizens.

The animal welfare concern

In the Southern and Eastern European Member States of the EU there is still the increasing phenomenon and unsolved problem of stray animals suffering cruelty. Brutal dog fights and an increasing illegal puppy trade still exist, creating a lot of suffering for millions of dogs in Europe. This is not acceptable in today's European society, and these problems are always occurring. With responsibility toward animals as sentient beings like us, experiencing feelings of fear, stress, hunger and thirst, we are obliged, in the deep ethical meaning, to solve these problems. After using them for decades as hunters, sheepdogs, guardians and companions, we have neglected them – leading to an uncontrolled and growing canine overpopulation in the world and also triggering public health problems. A science-based, sustainable and ethically acceptable strategy has to be developed and implemented to obtain a cultural change in European society towards responsible dog ownership.

While surfing the Web to find information on dog health and welfare in Europe, you are flooded with details, documents, popular actions by citizens, initiatives by NGOs and public entities. Reliable and science-based information and approved facts and figures are hard to find, or else do not exist – and this is part of the problem.

At this stage, there is great interest on the part of European citizens in companion animal welfare and the European Union is currently evaluating the future possibility of taking up responsibility on protection to companion animals.

Nevertheless, this lack of focused, structured and reliable information is still a huge concern.

Goal of the web site

The CAROdog web site is a concrete attempt to provide, generate and disseminate reliable knowledge about dogs in Europe, focusing on canine overpopulation and, in consequence, on all resulting animal welfare problems. The provision of an innovative contribution to a systematic approach to canine population management is the main purpose of this site, starting from responsible ownership as the basis of individual and community commitment to dog welfare.



Solution strategy for tackling the suffering of dogs: responsible ownership

The only method of stopping canine overpopulation is to adopt a systematic, multidisciplinary and comprehensive approach to the problem. CAROdog copes with this challenge by offering scientific, legal and practical tools to all professionals who, at different levels, act in this field, as well as to private owners needing to learn about their responsibilities.

Policy-makers, veterinarians, law professionals, scientists, teachers, economists and business operators, breeders and citizens: in CAROdog they will all find solution-oriented information and the opportunity of sharing the outcomes of their expertise.

This tool will contribute to strengthen the European culture of responsible dog ownership.

Behind the web site

The initiators are the international animal welfare organisation VIER PFOTEN (based in Austria and with eight national offices in seven European Member States and a Representation to the EU in Brussels) and the Istituto "G. Caporale" in Teramo, Italy, the OIE Collaborating Centre for veterinary training, epidemiology, food safety and animal welfare. The European Commission and the European Federation of Veterinarians (FVE) are supporting the web site with their expertise and agreed to place their representatives on its editorial board. Together they are creating a reliable knowledge-based system.



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