

STRAY DOGS IN SOUTHERN EUROPE

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1.- A short introduction

- Animal Welfare as one of the five priorities for a large majority of European citizens (Eurobarometer 2007-2008)
- Animal Welfare will be strongly anchored in the legal bases of the European Union (Treaty of Lisbon)

1.- A short introduction

- European Commission's Animal Health Strategy 2007-2013 named: "Prevention is better than cure"
- New aspects to research and interdisciplinary activity with the aim to provide a new framework for Animal Welfare, Food Safety and Public Health

SPAIN-ITALY-FRANCE-GREECE ANIMALS AS THINGS



2.- Searching the historical factors

- Many member States in South and Middle Europe still consider animals as things in their legal system.
- The tradition of Roman law was reflected in the Codifications, beginning with Napoleon in the French “Code Civil”, which has been imitated in Spain, Italy and extended to all Latin America

2.- Searching the historical factors

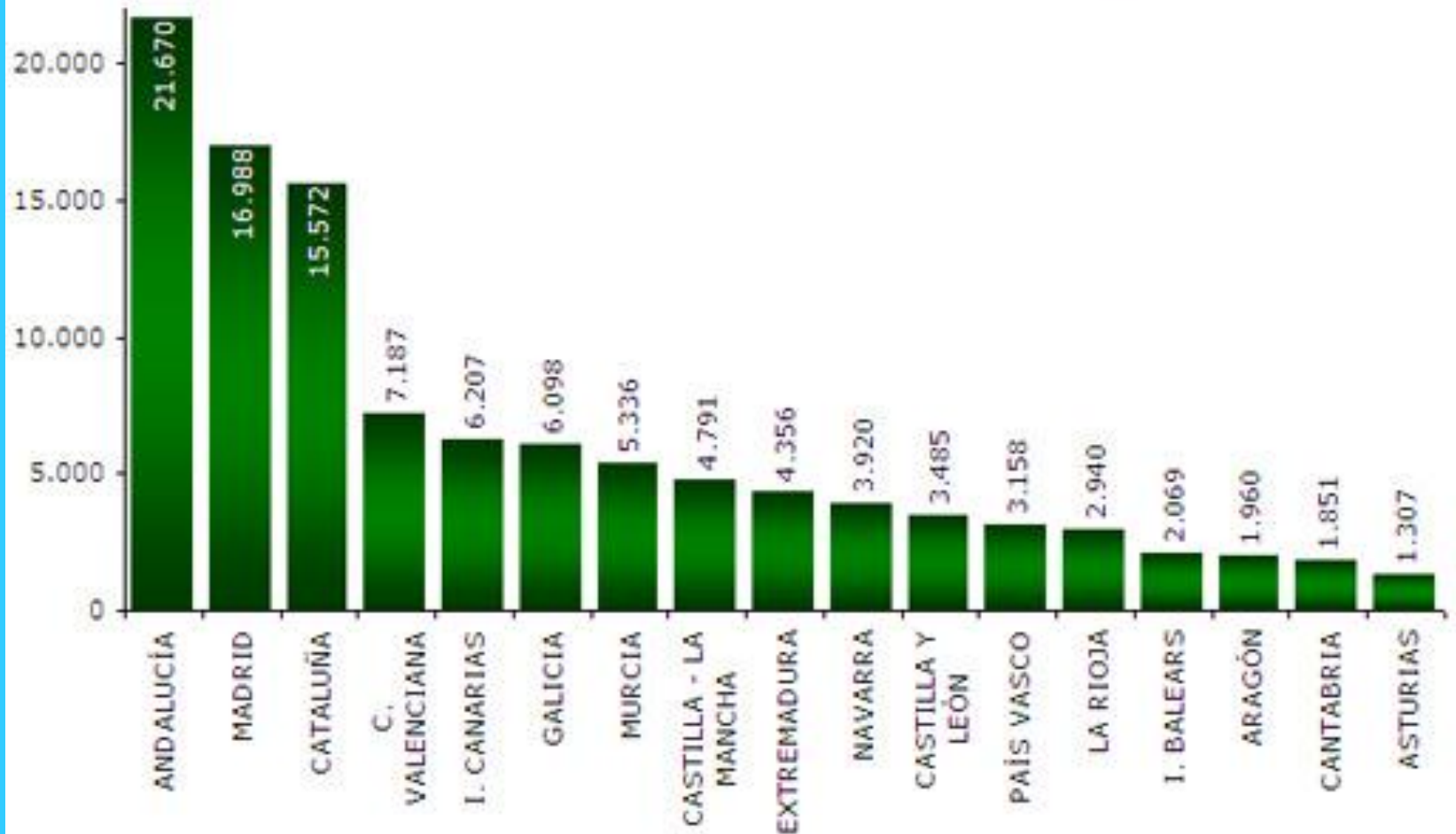
- Private law was in the process of codification in Europe at the same time as the great progress made by biologists in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, which highlighted the relationship of the human species with animals
- Animals remained things for law, because the codes are made in man's interest and outside the world of natural or legal persons, for only "things" exist in law.

3.- Numbers for a common reflexion

- SPAIN: 109.000 DOGS
- ITALY: 149.000
- FRANCE: 60.000

STRAY DOGS (Spain)

AFFINITY FOUNDATION 2007-2008



SPAIN

- The total number of animals removed from the streets included different cases:
- -Some are lost animals that have been given back to their owners (21%)
- -Other have been adopted by new families (52%)
- -Others continue to live at the kennels or Animal Homes, awaiting a new opportunity
- -And finally, the most unfortunate ones have been victims of euthanasia, either because of health hazards or in keeping with the policy pursued by the different town councils or sheltering centers (16%)

GREECE

- The concept of animals as pets is relatively new
- The majority of Athenians come from rural roots and people had animals for a purpose.

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Community	DOGS					CATS	
	Dogs on Property	Dogs in shelters	Vet shelters	Shelter	Stray dogs (approach)	Cats on property	Stray cats
Piemonte	976.189	4.258	63	75	2.935	700.000	200.000
Valle d'Aosta	23.454	160	1	1	100	13.000	14.500
Lombardia	733.396	3.896	37	93	0	1.000.000	300.000
PA Bolzano	30.000	150	1	1	0	46.500	10.000
PA Trento	36.174	160	2	5	0	35.000	16.000
Veneto	458.239	3.163	18	23	0	549.886	374.717
Friuli Venezia Giulia	145.000	1.650	7	12	0	100.000	4.800
Liguria	240.985	3.168	4	30	3.861	226.250	285.762
Emilia Romagna	623.016	8.804	65		8.052	660.000	97.000
Toscana	373.021	4.870	28	32	2.211	450.000	135.000
Umbria	269.704	3.049	10	20	23.000	175.000	51.000
Marche	204.298	5.912	36	26	2.042	147.678	73.000
Lazio	833.000	13.628	20	40	60.000	900.000	450.000
Abruzzo	127.835	8.699	6	60	19.300	102.000	97.000
Molise	39.339	2.458		11	14.500	19.000	12.000
Campania	162.321	32.126	2	81	70.003	168.470	128.650
Puglia	120.939	22.729	66	78	70.671	123.900	140.700
Basilicata	29.320	4.140	14	14	9.450	24.000	10.250
Calabria	150.000	10.377	17	24	65.000	120.000	81.500
Sicilia	246.000	10.338	37	42	68.000	146.000	92.500
Sardegna	177.803	5.689	31	11	22.000	270.000	30.000
TOTAL	6.000.033	149.424	465	679	441.125	5.976.684	2.604.379

4.- The Law and the problems of application

- The resilience of our juridical systems to change the status of animals is based in different kinds of approach
 - Animals are not worthy of the law's protection at all
 - Human interests-animal needs

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- Education and appealing to the moral conscience of the population is the only way to eradicate abandonment