

# PANHELLENIC ANIMAL WELFARE & ENVIRONMENTAL

# FEDERATION

Get to know us

an overview

2010 - 2019

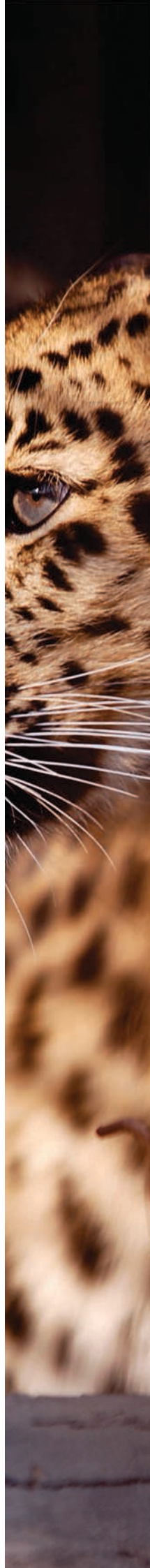
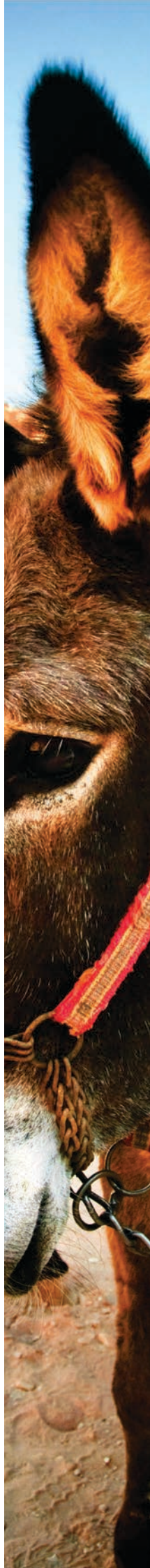
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# WHO WE ARE

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The **Pan-hellenic Animal Welfare and Environmental Federation (PFPO)** was established in 2010.

It is the largest animal welfare organization in Greece, bringing together **66 Member Organizations**.

Our mission is to protect animals and promote their welfare and rights through political lobbying, legal action, science-based research and campaigning.



The **Panhellenic Steering Committee** was established in 2008 by the Animal Welfare Association of Chania (Creta).

It consists of **118 animal welfare organizations**.

An interdisciplinary expert group of scientists and academics supports and coordinates the work of the Federation.





# Our work



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We host the Conference titled "The EU perspective of Greece's animal welfare culture".

2011



Lobbying the Greek Parliament and the Ministry of Agriculture: our proposals are adopted in the new Animal Protection Law, including the ban of animals in circuses and shows, and the criminalisation of passive abuse.

2012



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We participate at the debate titled "Stray animal population control in Greece" hosted by G.Chatzimarkakis MEP at the European Parliament.

2013

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We partner with the Minister for Citizens' Rights to secure issuing of a Circular clarifying the police obligations, with respect to the new Animal Protection Law.



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Gary Steiner attends the 23rd International Conference of Philosophy, where we deliver a keynote and establish academic relations with the University.



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Along with the Union of Judges & Prosecutors, PFPO hosts the Conference "People & Animals: Rights, Bioethics & Legislation".



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PFPO and the Public Prosecutors Union organise the Conference "Incidental matters of Greece's judiciary system in relation to EU Directives".



PFPO participates at the "Conference on the welfare of dogs and cats in the EU" co-hosted by the Commission and the Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the EU.



# Our work

2014



We deliver a keynote on compliance and enforcement at the Panhellenic Animal Welfare Federation's event titled "Strays-Care-Solidarity".



In partnership with constitutionalist K.Chrysogonos MEP, PFPO hosts a round table to discuss the inclusion of animals in the Constitution.

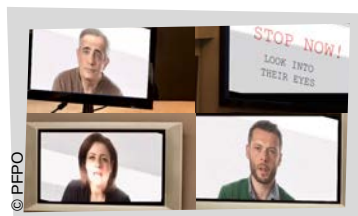
2015



PFPO speaks at the Conference "Beaches in Municipalities – Urban, legal, environmental parameters" hosted by regional authorities.



Along with Prof. R.Argyrazi, we hold a Conference to honor Peter Singer who is being bestowed the title of Hon. Prof. of Philosophy at the Athens University.



We join forces with top artists to produce a series of TV spots on I&R, spaying / neutering, abandonment, abuse, wildlife, barrel dogs etc.



PFPO secures the coordinated intervention of Prosecutors, police and veterinary authorities to ban the customary public slaughter of bulls, sheep and goats.



The Conference titled "Addressing animal abuse" PFPO co-hosts with the Hellenic Police brings together jurists and police authorities to discuss law enforcement.

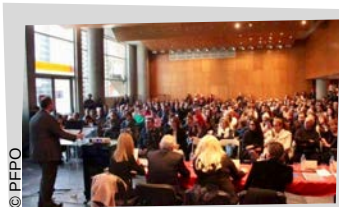


PFPO organises a national protest against animal abuse.



# Our work

2016



PFPO is invited to speak about the legal status of animals and the need for Constitutional protection at the Hellenic Police's Conference.



PFPO regularly delivers workshops on animal law enforcement which are addressed to police authorities.



PFPO is systematically delivering trainings on the specifics of animal protection to the attendees of the police academy.



We secure creation of a special Committee within the Institute of Educational Policy for the inclusion of animal welfare in school books.

2017



PFPO secures the right to civil action for animals in animal abuse trials, namely legal representation by an "Animal Attorney".



PFPO hosts the Conference "Animal abuse: The precursor of domestic violence" attended by criminologists, enforcement and political authorities.



We reveal the horrid conditions of the zoo "Ippokamilos". The owner is sentenced and the zoo shuts down.



PFPO supports the production of "Re-Action", which is a non-profit movie on animal welfare. The film has now been approved by the Min. of Education to be shown in schools.





# Our work



As a member of ENDCAP/BFF, PFPO attends Conferences in Brussels like the "Implementing the EU Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking" and "Think Positive: Why Europe needs Positive Lists to regulate the sale and keeping of exotic animals".



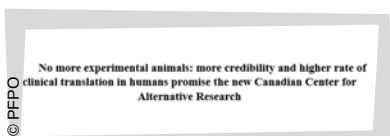
We intensify efforts against the hobbling of farm animals (bulletins, investigations, filling charges, police and prosecutors' interventions). We secure a Police Order on specific enforcement actions and increased controls in the Cyclades.



PFPO brings the Animal Welfare debate before the Greek Parliament.



PFPO and the Central Union of Municipalities of Greece host the Conference "Greece without strays: Developing a national action plan for animals", attended by MPs, prosecutors, police and veterinary officials and welfare organizations.



We launch efforts against animal testing with research publications of our expert associates, like Cambridge's (prev. Harvard) biologist, Dr. M.Iliou.

2018



We deliver a keynote speech at the Conference titled "The role and contribution of the Hellenic Police in animal protection" hosted by the Chief of the Hellenic Police.



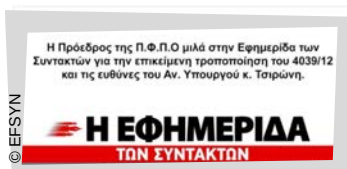
PFPO joins the "End The Cage Age" campaign, for the ECI to reach the target of 1M signatures.



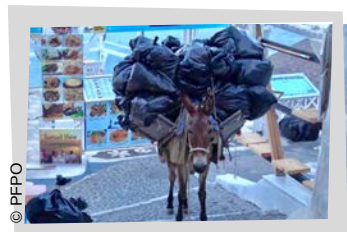
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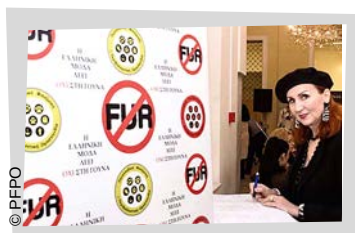
PFPO launches actions against wild animals in dolphinariums. S.Eck MEP supports our efforts.



We are lobbying and campaigning against a new animal law severely compromising animal welfare. The bill is withdrawn in the midst of unprecedented public outcry.



PFPO and the Hellenic Society for Equine Welfare step up actions for the improvement of working equines' welfare, for increased controls and law enforcement.



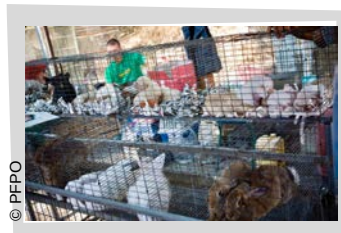
We lobby and campaign for the ban of fur farming. A petition is launched, and is now supported by various brands and designers.



PFPO, the Bar Association and the regional police authorities host a Conference titled "Animal abuse as an antechamber to domestic violence", which is attended by psychologists, police officers and journalists.



We discuss the revoked bill for animals with the President of the Central Union of Municipalities of Greece.



We lobby for law enforcement, effective controls and sanctions to cease the rampant illegal trade of animals taking place in flea markets, cultural and recreational events.





# Our work



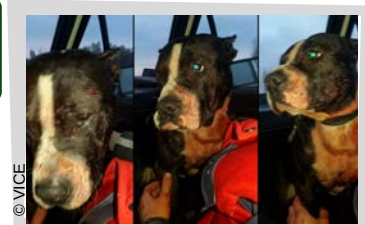
PFPO hosts the annual Conference of ENDCAP / Born Free Foundation.



We press charges against municipal shelters keeping animals in horrid conditions. Securing media visibility and political support lead to the prosecution of those responsible.



PFPO's long-standing effort for the Constitutional protection of animals is supported by 92 MPs at the debate for the revision of the Constitution. The proposal is finally voted against.



Following years of investigations, PFPO sheds light to dog fighting. VICE magazine puts the research together and publishes a series of bulletins revealing the extent of organised cruelty in Greece.



We gather supplies for the animal victims of the wildfires of Attica.

2019



We lobby the candidates for both the European and national elections to secure commitments for animals.



We meet with Dr. Patoulis, Governor of the Region of Attica, to discuss the responsibility of regions and of municipalities with respect to stray animal prevention and management.



# Our work



University Professors of Veterinary Medicine respond to our call to issue an opinion on hobbling. The position paper published concludes that this widespread and largely tolerated practice is inhumane, torturous and unacceptable.



PFPO's actions against the abuse of equines at the island of Santorini are endorsed by international animal protection organisations, through coordinated demonstrations outside the Greek Embassies in Amsterdam, Washington, London, Berlin, Sidney and Paris.



PFPO continues holding workshops with police officers all over Greece, to aid the enforcement the animal protection legislation.



PFPO meets with Police Lieutenant General A. Daskalakis, Deputy Chief of the Hellenic Police, to discuss the establishment of the Animal Police department. Our request to have the legislation against animal abuse included in the Police's antitrust policy is accepted.



PFPO participates at Eurogroup for Animals' Annual Conference and touch bases with EU-stakeholders and animal welfare organisations.



PFPO participates at the 1st Athens Charity Week.



We coordinate a rescue operation for 38 animals of various species living in horrid conditions in Creta.





# Our work



Dr.K.Buchner MEP along with former MEPs S.Eck and J.Chatzimarkakis visit the island of Creta. They kindly invite PFPO to join them at their meetings with regional, municipal and police authorities to discuss severe, long-standing animal welfare issues in Greece.



PFPO and the Deputy President of the International Police Association meet the Secretary General of the Ministry of Education to discuss the inclusion of animal welfare in the school curriculum, as well as the issue of ritual slaughter without stunning.



PFPO meets the Deputy Minister for Transport K.Karamanlis and Secretary General N.Stathopoulos, who agree to numerous of our proposals regarding companion animal transport, and the transport of wildlife for the purpose of veterinary care.



We meet F.Arabatzi, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Chief Veterinary Officer Dr. S.Doudounakis to discuss the review of the animal protection legislation.



# Our focus



## EDUCATION

PFPO has developed and is running the following educational programs for elementary and high school students:

- People & Animals: Roommates on the same planet
- People & Animals: Same right in life

**Both are approved by the Ministry of Education and delivered by accredited representatives of PFPO at schools all over Greece.**



## ENFORCEMENT

PFPO is delivering workshops on the animal protection legislation to police officers.

Understanding the specifics of the law and police obligation is crucial for effective controls and better enforcement.

**PFPO has established cooperations with police authorities across Greece.**



## ACTION

PFPO is at the frontline of animal protection.

Rescue missions, veterinary care, TNR, adoptions, legal actions, campaigns, lobbying and research are all core parts of our mission.

**PFPO's successful trajectory is the outcome of the dedication, sense of responsibility and dynamism of its volunteers and organisations.**





## Farm animal hobbling

Hobbling - the practice of tethering the legs of farm animals together - is widespread in rural areas. PFPO's on-spot controls along with the police, legal actions and sanctions in cases of non-compliance, campaigning and the issuing of scientific opinions against hobbling all get extensive media attention.



## Dolphinariums

PFPO campaigns against dolphinariums and lobbies for legislative change. Co-producing a TV spot featuring influential artists speaking against marine mammals performing and living in captivity helps to raise visibility of the cruelty therein and curb "educational" school visits.



## Illegal breeding

Illegal trade of companion animals is growing. PFPO is monitoring online criminal networks in close cooperation with the police. Numerous prosecutions and the filling of charges follow our investigations, revealing the extent of pet trafficking in Greece.



## Fur farming

The city of Kastoria is a hub for fur farming. The state's longstanding support of the industry through subsidies and political backing inhibits a fair transition to alternative livelihoods. PFPO launches a campaign which brings together brands and designers to openly speak about fur-free fashion.





## Illegal animal markets

Illegal trade of animals (incl. wild species), in flea markets and recreational events is rife. Lax law enforcement and low penalties foster a rampant market for backyard breeders and hunters. PFPO, along with the police, conduct controls in these marketplaces and proceed to confiscations and prosecutions.



## Barrel dogs

A common sight in rural areas, the road / barrel dogs are chained in a barrel or box to guard farm animals and discourage passerbyes. Exposed to the elements and left without food and water they often die chained. To spot them and find their owners, PFPO conducts joint searches and hiking tours with the police.



## Municipal shelters

Responsibility for stray animal care rests on municipalities. PFPO unfolds the reality of municipal shelters, wherein animals are held in deplorable conditions, often chained and without food, water and veterinary care, next to sick or dead animals. PFPO's investigations are often picked by the media, leading to prosecutions.



## Hunting

Hunting is largely tolerated by the state as a conservation tool. PFPO reveals numerous illegal practices associated with the hunting culture, such as the torturing of animals as part of the dog training process, the endangered species hunting, and the publication of pictures of killed animals online.



# Our approach



Partnerships with experts,  
academics, politicians



Partnerships with  
Animal Welfare Organizations

Lobbying



High-level  
Conferences



Workshops for  
the police



TNR, rescues,  
adoptions, life-long care for  
animals with special needs



Education programs  
approved by the Ministry of  
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Investigations

Seizures,  
legal actions



Collaboration with  
Wildlife Rescue Centers



Campaigns,  
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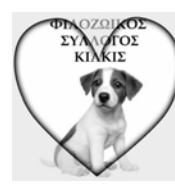
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