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Breeders - Attention!



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In 2022, several Western activist organizations convinced the governments of 18 EU member states that it is necessary to introduce so-called positive lists throughout the EU - a selection of only a few dozen vertebrate species that would be exclusively allowed to be bred in domestic settings, while breeding the majority of species would be generally prohibited. This would represent the strictest form of regulation, essentially annihilating private breeding. These countries instructed the European Commission to begin preparations for such lists.

Therefore, the European Commission is launching a project aimed at assessing the attitudes of breeders and their opponents in all 27 EU member states. The goal is to determine the positions of breeders and their opponents and to decide whether the current regulation (so-called negative lists of specific endangered species that are either completely banned from breeding or allowed under strict conditions, for example, according to the CITES convention) is sufficient or whether the introduction of positive lists is necessary.

An analysis of the documents used by activists to gain support from politicians and the public reveals that they largely argue based on manipulated, distorted, and outright false information. In the Czech Republic and other countries where strict international and national regulations are in place, bred animals do not suffer, and their breeding is under strict government control. Regarding disease transmission to humans, an analysis of scientific articles easily proves that activists are outright lying – the greatest health risks to humans come from cats and dogs, not other bred animals. The vast majority of breeding operations also primarily utilize animals bred in captivity, which means they do not endanger wildlife in their countries of origin but rather help by reducing the demand for individuals from the wild (bred individuals are free from diseases and parasites, and the importation of animals captured from the wild has long been banned in the EU in many cases, such as with bird flu). The argument about introducing invasive species is also blatantly untrue. Activists intentionally conceal the fact that if there are issues with breeding in certain countries, it is not due to inadequate laws but rather poor or nonexistent enforcement. We are convinced that activists are fighting against breeding for purely personal and emotional reasons, constructing their alleged "expert" arguments artificially. However, they have already succeeded in eight EU states – positive lists are either in effect or currently being approved. As we can see, the next step will be the eradication of breeding throughout the EU through the implementation of EU-wide positive lists.

However, we have a unique opportunity to stop this danger. For a new pan-European regulation to be passed, all member states must vote in favor. In the Czech Republic, there is no support for positive lists among breeders or responsible authorities. However, we must make our position clear to the European Commission. We must show the project's proponents that breeding in our country is traditional, well-developed, does not harm the animals or public health, and, on the contrary, brings many benefits for nature conservation, fostering children's and people's relationships with living creatures, education, and meaningful entertainment.

You can find more information and all the documents on the website pozitivniseznam.cz

Add your signature to the signature sheet and reject positive lists! You have nothing to lose, nothing to fear. One thing is certain - without active resistance, we will not see a good end!

