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OIE NZ and Australian Collaborating Centre current projects

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Animal Welfare Training Program – Pilot course in Asia

- ◆ The NZ and Australian OIE Collaborating Centre in collaboration with WSPA agreed to develop a pilot training program that targets a high priority regional animal welfare issue.
 - The identification of the training topic and the delivery of the training will heavily utilise the OIE and WSPA networks in SE Asia.
- ◆ The objective of this pilot is to offer an applied course that addresses the assessment of animal welfare and leads to an understanding of risk factors.



Animal welfare priority training areas

- ◆ Questionnaire developed to seek advice from key people about the priority areas where training in Asia/Oceania might be appropriate.



Respondents

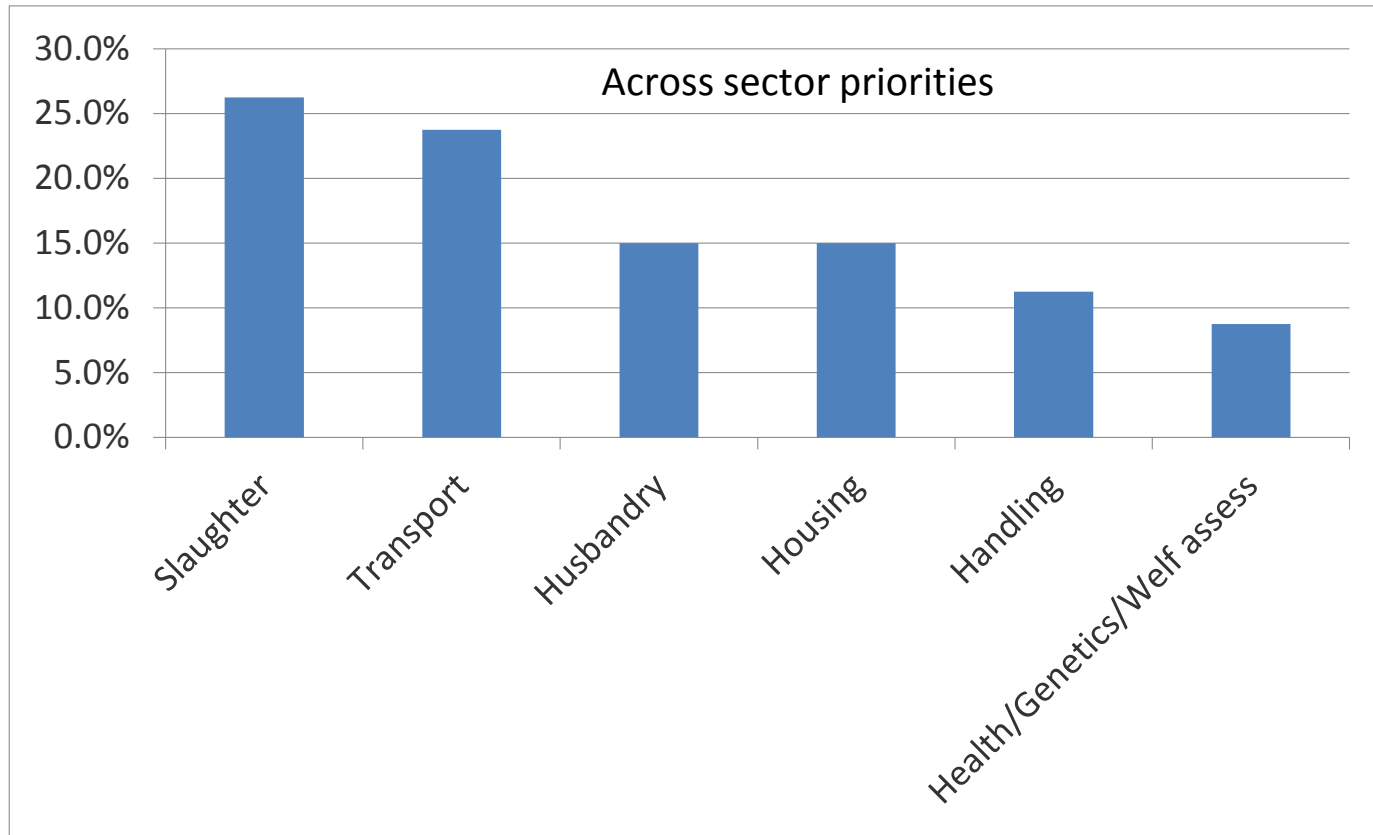
Animal welfare priority training areas



1. Please indicate your current role			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Academic, tertiary teaching role		28.9%	11
Private practice veterinarian		7.9%	3
Animal Scientist		10.5%	4
Policy developer		34.2%	13
Government veterinarian		26.3%	10
	Other (please specify)		9
answered question			38
skipped question			0



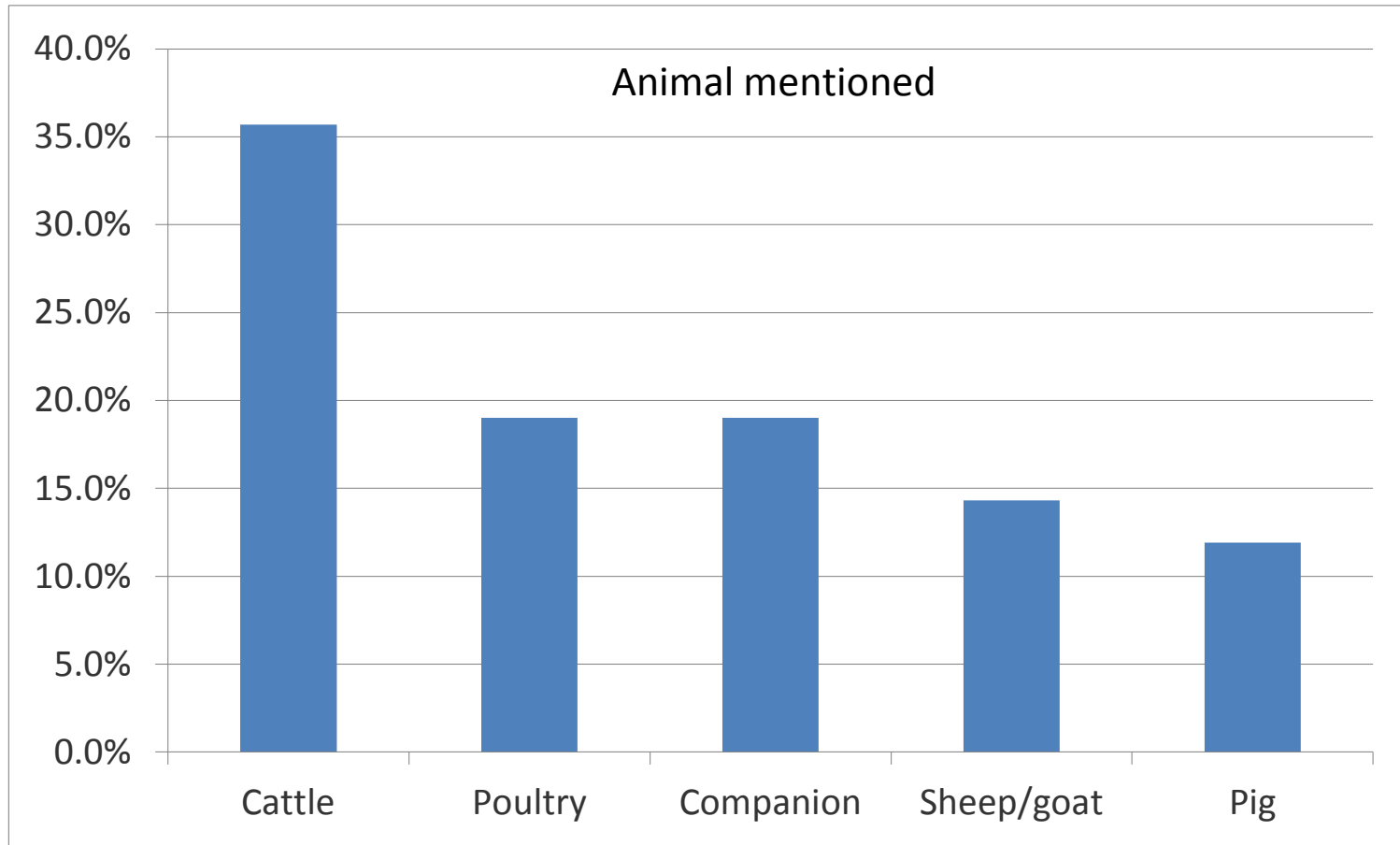
1. Topics/issues across sectors (species)



Conclude – transport and slaughter appear priorities



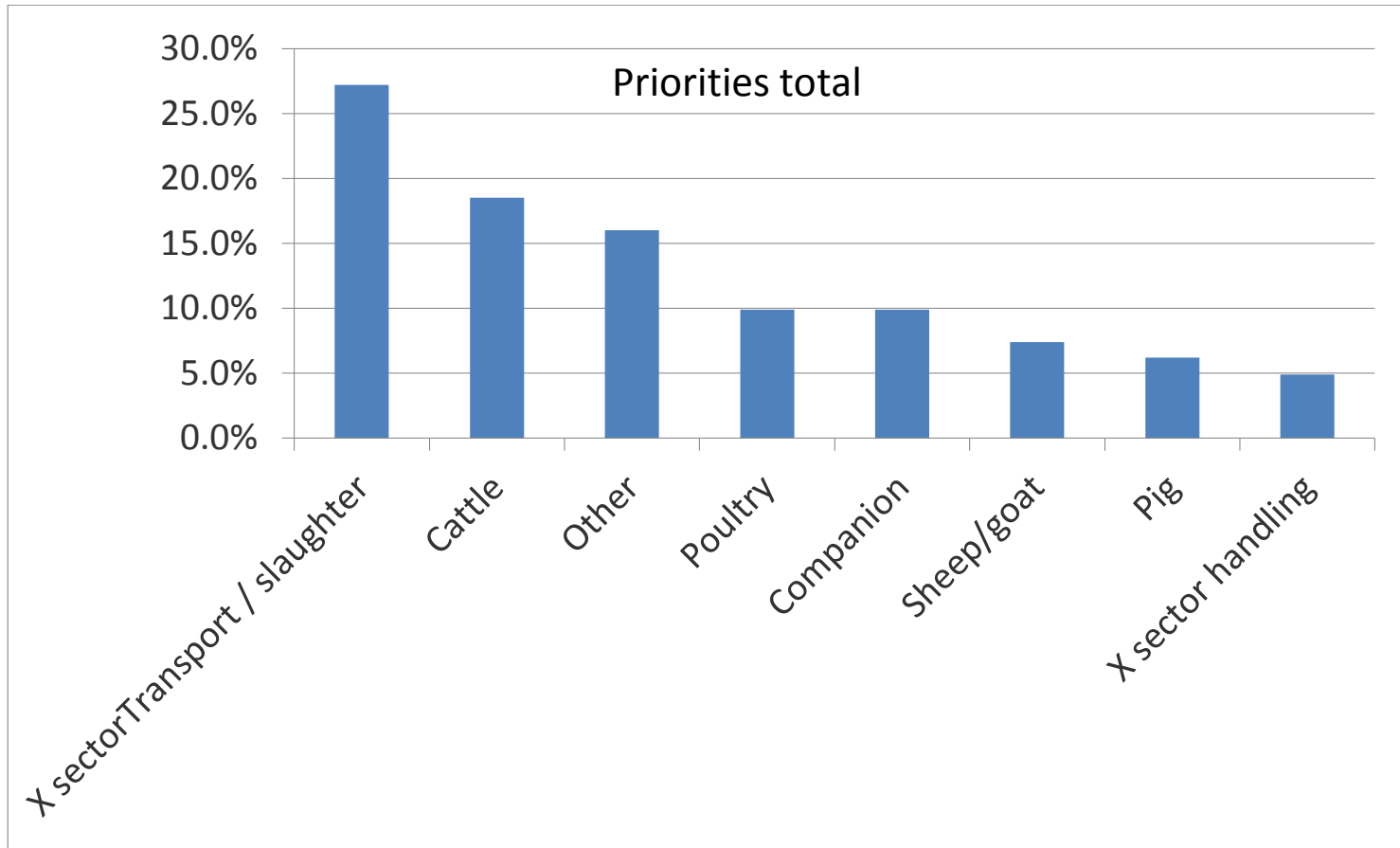
1. Animal mentioned in an issue/topic



Conclude – cattle appear priorities



1. Transport/slaughter without reference to species vs other topics or species



The interest appears to be with transport/slaughter and cattle.



Pilot AW training project – current status

Topic

- Transport/slaughter
- Cattle

Audience

- Policy, Regulatory
- Industry leaders and consultants/trainers

Content

- Animal Ethics & Social, cultural and Economic considerations
- Animal Welfare Science – key indices of animal welfare
- What science tells us about the risks of transport and slaughter on animal welfare
- Case studies
- Recommendations, guidelines & standards and training opportunities



Part 2 (2013/14).

Draft program

- Develop with WSPA a draft program with details of content, delivery and presenters.
- Ensure that this pilot program complements but does not compete with the proposed OIE twinning project in Asia.

Circulate proposal

- Circulate proposal to the OIE and WSPA networks in SE Asia for feedback.

Pilot training program

- Utilise feedback to develop a pilot training program for policy makers and regulators, field veterinarians, industry managers, NGOs and field veterinarians
- Proposal to offer this pilot in Thailand early in 2014.

Deliver program

- Delivery of the training will heavily utilise the OIE and WSPA networks in SE Asia.



Next steps

- ◆ Seek feedback on the topic for the pilot Draft program from the OIE Regional meeting in Korea in August 2013.



Twinning project

- ◆ This programme facilitates RAWs goal 2: Ensuring a coordinated regional approach and ongoing commitment to the implementation of OIE animal welfare standards and guidelines.
- ◆ The main focus is on slaughter and transport.



Twinning project: Proposed activities

Project management meeting

Meeting with project leaders (Malaysia, Vietnam, Thailand, China)

Training sessions/meeting in each country to disseminate standards for slaughter and transport

Research to evaluate attitudes towards transport and slaughter, and assess the impact of this training on these attitudes.



Project outline

- ◆ Project links the OIE CC with University Putra Malaysia
- ◆ Project activities are centred on training stakeholders in the livestock transport and slaughter industries of Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam and China
- ◆ OIE standards will be described
- ◆ Attitudes towards transport and slaughter will be researched
- ◆ 2 year programme, led by the Centre for Animal Welfare and Ethics, University of Queensland
- ◆ Funded by Australian and New Zealand governments, Universiti Putra Malaysia, EU DG Sanco, WSPA



Outcomes

- ◆ Improved link between OIE CC members and Universiti Putra Malaysia, which has a Malaysian government sponsored animal welfare centre
- ◆ Better understanding of OIE standards by key stakeholders in the transport and slaughter industries of Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam and China
- ◆ Better understanding of attitudes to transport and slaughter in the industry's stakeholders and whether these can be changed with appropriate training



Issues across both projects

- ◆ Overlap in target audiences - consultants/trainers
- ◆ Overlap in recommendations, guidelines & standards and training opportunities
- ◆ Because of this similarity of the two projects in content, audiences and countries, there is an opportunity to share content and resources and improve the overall outcomes.



Thank you!