

## HEN - EGGS

The Survey of supply of non-caged eggs throughout supermarket chains in the Czech Republic was finished in February. The number of non-caged eggs available is increasing, but one third of supermarkets does not offer it and does not plan it due a very high price for consumers (and very cheap cage eggs flow over here from Poland and Lithuania). High price is a real problem which prevents quicker development of non-caged eggs supply. The main cause is a lack of such breeding in CZ. The ministry has the key and we are making a pressure. Despite this the 50 % of all hens in CZ is kept by public in its gardens and backyards. The majority of the rest is in cages of the industry. Whole report is available at [www.spolecnostprozvirata.cz](http://www.spolecnostprozvirata.cz), [link English](#).



The Survey was introduced at press conference, which has been very well attended: 14 journalists plus Czech TV main news, interview in TV studio of special news channel, several interviews for other TV news and radio stations, articles in main daily newspapers and popular magazines. *See more in link Media*, at [www.spolecnostprozvirata.cz](http://www.spolecnostprozvirata.cz), with English translation.



The attitude of the ministry of agriculture towards the ban is indefinite now. It has supported a postponement last years, it did not claim anything clear this year, disagreements prevail inside. We try to make sure it will not support a postponement any more.

Our „egg video clip“ – **Do you know what you eat** - will be displayed at **petrol station chain OMV**, in its 52 stations, from the middle of May, till the end of summer.

Little jigsaw leaflets for consumers, very handy, are distributed by means of magazines and directly (to organization, members of parliaments, throughout healthy food shops).

More materials are available: the summary report Keeping The ban – the way forward (orig. By CIWF), Laid Bare report – against enriched cages (orig. by CIWF), general leaflet, long postcard for supermarkets and ministry (5 000 pcs sent so far) , and many more... *all available as through the web site, link Slepice*.

Our campaign is supported by media, public and different celebrities: TV, film and theater actor Vaclav Vydra supported both our petition and moreover we are in contact due to his very humane and ethical approach to animals, especially to horses.

In a frame of our hen – media campaign the philosopher – prof. Erazim Kohak (Charles University) has said: *The whole discussion about this matter is something like the American argument on advantages or disadvantages of prisoner torture. The discussion about the willful distress made to other beings is unacceptable to me. In relation to the level of such a debate is clearly ethical and can not lead in defense of a willful distress.*

*For a cultivated human being is the answer on the question above mentioned breeds definite: no cage breeds! We must take this problem as a moral stance on a living being. I am purchasing hen eggs entirely from ecological breeds despite its price. By the way the price should be not crucial in this ethic matter.*



We are getting ready for photo petition, complaints regarding misleading labeling of boxes, help and support from celebrities to end use of caged eggs and we continue in media work and investigation.

## BROILERS

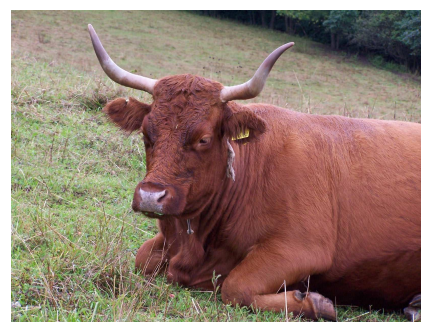
The Czech translation of the report Everyone's is the winner (by RSPCA) is distributed to many places, incl. parliament, agric. institution, universities, NGOs. Available from our web site as well.

The long postcard for supermarkets is still distributed, as well the Czech version of report Welfare of Broilers in the EU (by CIWF). Several interviews for a TV program for animal protection and newspapers.



## DEATH LOSSES OF CATTLE

Many farmers treat the cattle like goods for one use. 32 – 35 % of the cattle above 24 months does not end commonly at abattoirs but is dying on farms or end at emergency slaughter. The State veterinary administration agrees with us – the number is too high. After our complaints, it has introduced little bit more control, but it is not sufficient enough. The ministry trivializes the problem. We are seeking bigger financial support to start a campaign. The problem is connected as well with very insufficient results of saved animals from solved cases of breaching the law. Two layers have offered us help and we hope we start soon with coordinated steps.



## Universal declaration for animal welfare

We take part in this campaign of WSPA. The postcards for a Boomerang net are in production, the leaflets for schools will be sent likely in September or June. *See more in the link Hlavní kampane, sign the petition there.*

## GAP - Good Agriculture Practice in Pig Production (CIWF Trust)

Czech translation will be soon in the web site, the graphic design is finishing now.

## TRANSPORT

We are taking part in new globe campaign, lead by WSPA. Our investigation starts in summer. Mainly cattle and pigs are transported on long distances from CZ. Through our roads the sad transportation of cattle, calves and horses from Poland and some Baltic states. *See link of our website: Hospodarska zvirata - Preprava*

## HUMANE EDUCATION

About 4250 pcs of publication **Animal Wise** has been distributed to schools and ecological ngos so far. More than 6 000 pcs of set **Pet care leaflets** has been distributed there as well, incl. 1 400 sets for shops of goods for pet animals.

The set **Farm animal and Us** has been now sent to 500 places.

We begin with ecological club for pupils of a primary school in Prague, in May. Intention is to nature, animals, farm animals.

We are getting ready with our ecological week for children during summer, out of Prague.

The leaflets about Meatrix and vegetarian materials available from us will be sent to schools in June. *More about this issue is in the link Ekovychova, at our website.*

## In short:

- Supermarket chain AHOLD (branches Albert and Hypernova) has offered us to dispatch our materials for 350 schools in its program on healthy nutrition. Materials are distributed in May. The firm wants to cooperate with us as well regarding providing information for its consumers and has offered us spaces in its two magazines (our article on hens has been published as well in its magazine for kids in January)

- Firm Olympus has given us a camera. - We were offered a displayed LED screen for free.

- Ecological NGO Hnutí Duha (Movement of Rainbow) has used the Eat less meat film in its DVD for applicants of organic farming and organic clubs.

