

Poland – OTOZ Animals

The Polish Society for the Protection of Animals “OTOZ Animals” is a charity established in 2000 and having five branches all over Poland. We are dealing with domestic and farm animals, organising campaigns and lobbying activity aimed at an improvement in the fate of animals.

We are a member of the ECFA coalition built by Compassion in World Farming (CIWF) and we have just become Eurogroup member.

We are also a member of the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA).

OTOZ Animals:

- participated in the adoption of the Animal Protection Act in Poland,
- organised a transport campaign following the transport of calves from Poland to Italy,
- organised a conference for local vets as well as teachers and lecturers from Polish Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine Universities.

Our biggest and most famous campaign was organised two years ago when a film documenting some of the slaughter methods used in Poland was recorded. The slaughter footage was shown by all the Polish TV channels and the first slaughter-related trial in the history of Polish jurisdiction followed.

The trial devoted to cruelty in slaughterhouses has become a national campaign involving mass media and well-respected Polish personalities. As far as I know, it is the first such trial not just in Poland. It shows how important the enforcement of the regulations is.

Nowadays together with CIWF we are involved in broiler and laying hens campaign, lobbying the Ministry of Agriculture and MEPs.

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