

STATEMENT OF SNVEL FOR THE EUROPEAN ANTIBIOTIC AWARENESS DAY 2018

SNVEL is the only representative professional organisation of French veterinary practitioners. For many years, we have been involved in the fight against antimicrobial resistance through the "one health" concept. French veterinarians have been major players in the design and implementation of the "ecoantibio" plan, to reduce the use of antibiotics in veterinary medicine between 2012 and 2017.

There were five priorities and forty measures in this plan:

- 1-promote best practices and raise awareness among the stakeholders,
- 2-develop alternatives to antibiotic use,
- 3-reinforce the regulation of commercial practices and prescribing rules,
- 4-improve the system for monitoring antibiotic use and antibiotic resistance,
- 5- promote the same approach on european and international scale. The plan had a goal of reducing usage by 25% over 5 years. He was accompanied by the adoption of a law in 2014 setting new rules for the prescription and use of antibiotics. It was decided to reduce between 2014 and 2017 the use of third- and fourth-generation cephalosporins and fluoroquinolones identified as sensitive for human medicine .

Through their involvement, the French veterinarians obtained very satisfactory results. The reduction in animal exposure (ALEA) between 2012 and 2017 was 37%. Between 2014 and 2016, the decrease in animal exposure to third- and fourth-generation cephalosporins was 75%, and for fluoroquinolones 81%. At the same time colistin was reduced by 40%.

These results were made possible by the involvement of all stakeholders, from breeders to veterinarians.

We now support a new "ecoantibo 2" plan that has 4 axes for the next 5 years.

- 1- Developments for the prevention of infectious diseases and the use of alternative treatments
- 2- communication and training on the challenges of antibiotic resistance, the rational prescription of antibiotics and other means of controlling
- 3- shared tools: Provide tools for assessment and monitoring of the use of antibiotics, as well as tools for their prescription and responsible use
- 4- shared efforts: Ensure the proper application of the rules of good practice at national level and promote their adoption at European and international level