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Til nefndasviðs Alþingis

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Umsögn um frumvarp til laga um breytingu á lögum um dýravelferð

Velferð dýra

(bann við blóðmerahaldi) 15. mál, lagafrumvarp 152. löggjafarþing 2021–2022.

Frumvarpið er endurflutt, sjá [543. mál á 151. þingi - velferð dýra](#).

Ég mæli eindregið með samþykki þessa frumvarps um bann við blóðmerahald.

1) The blood mare business is not in accordance with the Icelandic law of animal welfare. Lög um velferð dýra: <https://www.althingi.is/lagas/nuna/2013055.html> .

2) In an advanced society like Iceland sustainability, animal welfare and the highest ethical standards must be cornerstones of and the license to operate any agricultural business. This is clearly not the case with the blood mare business.

3) It is inconceivable why the well documented and widely publicised pain, fear and injuries inflicting practices of the blood mare business should be considered acceptable in a society like Iceland that is highly advanced in terms of ethical standards. A tell-tale indicator of the global opinion on the topic is that no other country in Europe accepts this practise.

4) The blood mare business already causes significant damage to the image of Iceland in the civilized world where animal rights are regarded as important and necessary. Tourism will also be affected if this practise continues. The net economic effect of allowing the blood mare business to continue for the the gain of Ísteka would be extremely negative for Iceland as a whole. Animal welfare laws and internationally accepted ethical standards must not be disregarded for the financial gain of one small company.

5) Finally it is of course well known that there is no need for PSMG/eCG because there are synthetically produced alternatives not requiring the abuse of animals.

Þar af leiðandi fer ég, Ralf Duerholt, þess á leit við stjórnvöld á Íslandi að þau banni samstundis blóðtöku fylfullra hryssa, svokallaðra blóðmera, á Íslandi.

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Barla Barandun, Prof Dr med vet Ewald Isenbügel, Veterinärmedizinische und dem Tierschutz dienliche Informationen über die individuelle Gesamtblutmenge des Islandpferdes, die Menge des abgenommenen Blutes und die möglichen Folgen für trüchtige Stuten (2021).í þýðingu:

<https://www.frettabladid.is/skodun/alitsgerd-um-heildarblodmagn-islenska-hestsins-magn-og-tidni-blodtoku-og-moguleg-ahrif-hennar-a-fylfullar-hryssur-ut-fra-sjonarmidum-dyralaeknavisinda-og-dyraverndar/>

Eggert Gunnarsson, Þorsteinn Ólafsson, Ráðunauturfundur, Blóðsöfnun úr fylfullum hryssum til lyfjaframleiðslu (1982)