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# LETTERS FROM THE FRONTLINE

the experience of two CITES-accredited rescue centres

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# AAP ANIMAL ADVOCACY AND PROTECTION



- **Rescue centre for exotic, non-domesticated mammals**
- **Non-profit organization since 1972**
- **Two locations (NL and SP)**





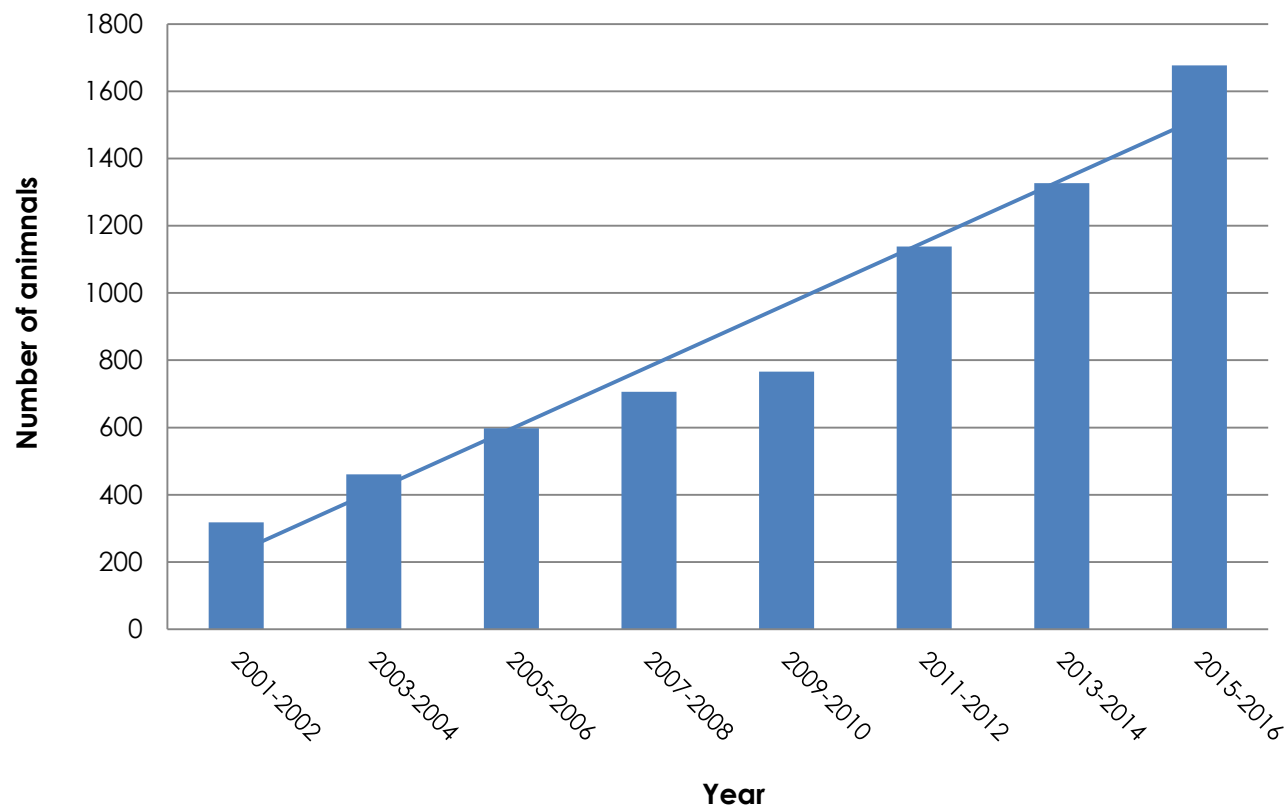
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CITES Secretary General John Scanlon and  
Dutch State Secretary for Economic Affairs visit  
AAP Animal Advocacy and Protection  
in the Netherlands

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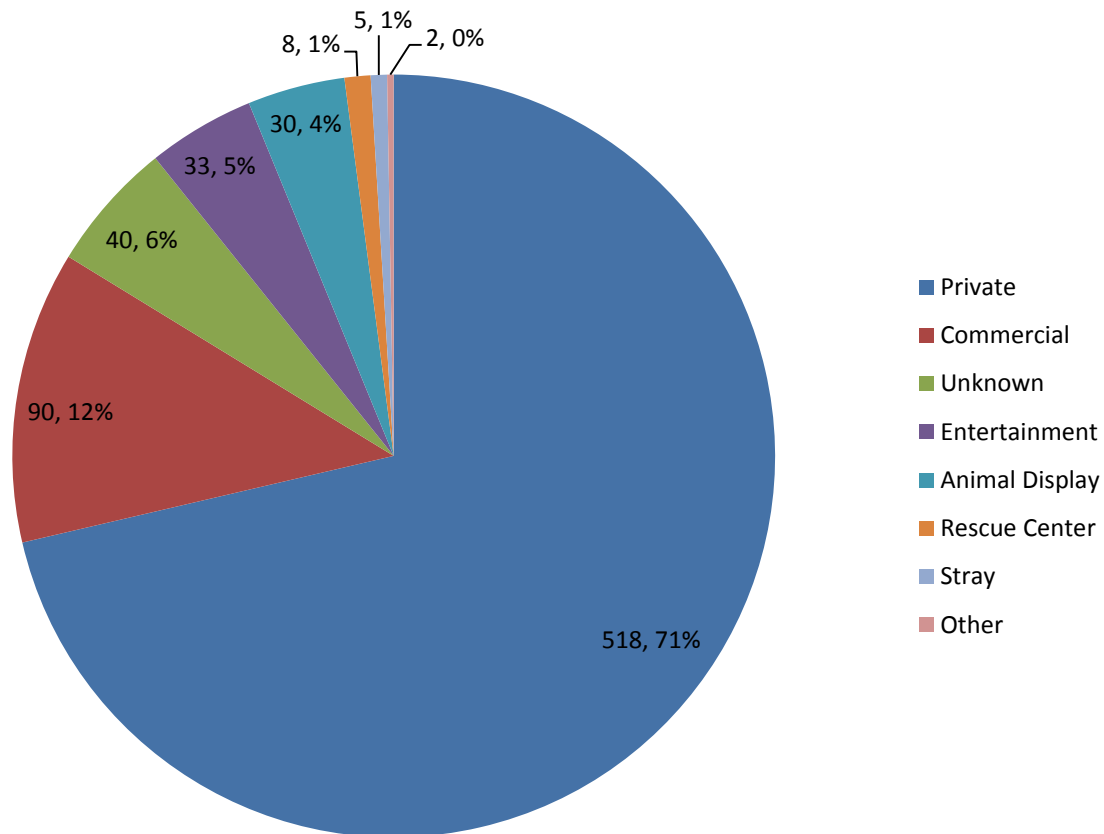


## Animals in rescue requests



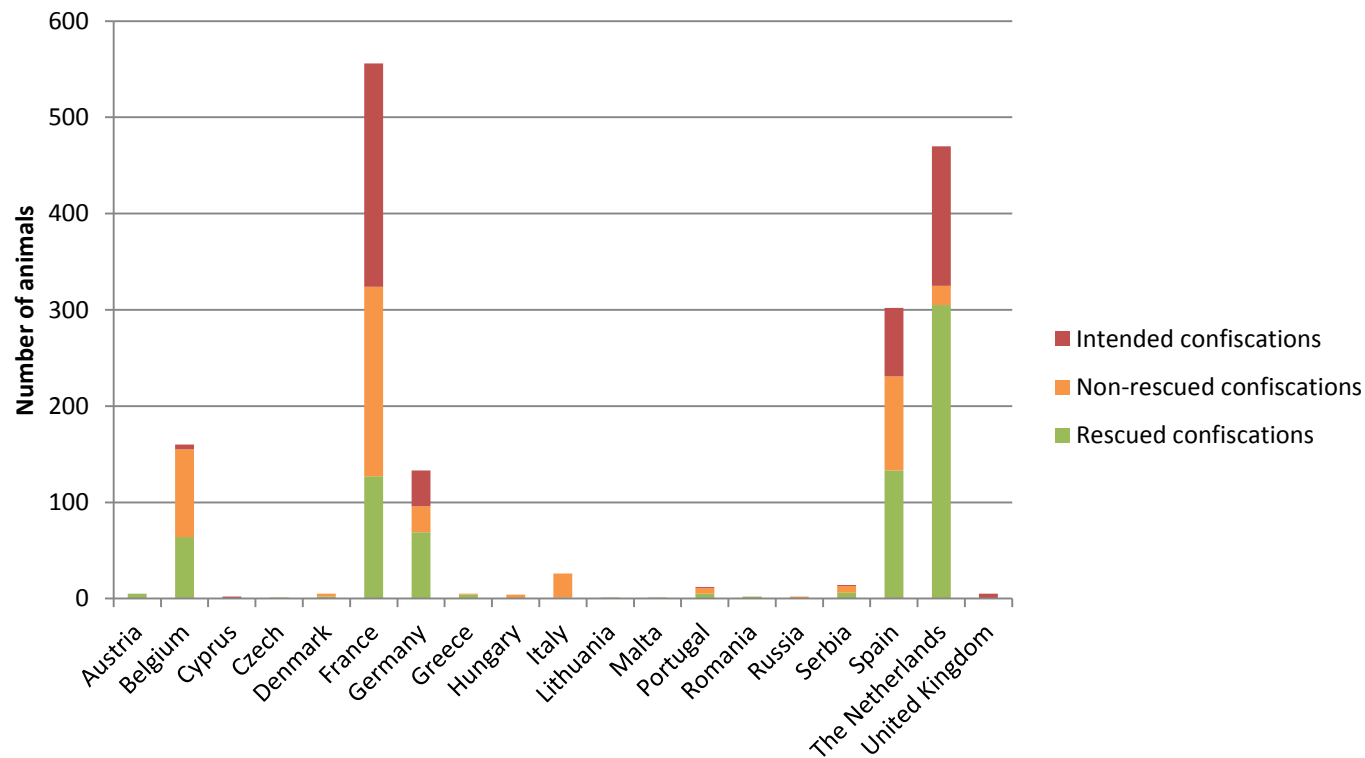


### Origin confiscated rescued animals (2001-2016)





## (Intended) confiscations per country (2001-2016)



# RECENT GUESTS



# THE CITES ACCREDITATION



AAP (The Netherlands) and AAP Primadomus (Spain) are both CITES-accredited rescue centres. This involves (a.o.):

- Demonstrable quality standards, for example
  - Balai certification quarantine facilities
  - Detailed animal administration and identification
  - 24/7 availability
  - Professional species specific care (staff and facilities)
  - Safe and secure future for their animals
- Contractual relation with Dutch and Spanish authorities, including financial provisions
- Accreditation process differs per country



# PROBLEMS



- Lack of overview for authorities of rescue capacity, per country and per species
- Lack of harmonization in quality standards → animals placed in sub-standard facilities, ultimately many still find their way to us
- Lack of harmonization in application of rules (ie BALAI)
- Unclear or inefficient division of responsibilities and collaboration between authorities



**INEFFICIENT PROCESS LEADING TO DELAYS, HIGH(ER) COSTS, ANIMAL SUFFERING AND IMPOSSIBILITY OF ASSISTING AUTHORITIES WITH NEW CONFISCATIONS**

# MIND THE GAP!



**2016**

Care costs for AAP € 610.000

Received from Authorities € 66.000

2 out of 19 countries paid for the care of their confiscated animals



HELP US HELP  
YOU!

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**Thank you for your attention!**