

EUROGROUP FOR ANIMALS



**List of Species of Union
Concern: what does it mean for
animal welfare?**



Invasive animals have the same capacity to experience pain, stress and suffering as non-invasive animals

POSITIVES OF THE UNION LIST'S ADOPTION:

- The list has a preventive aim;
- Species in the list cannot be anymore kept in captivity, bred, sold and transported in the EU;
- Transitional provisions are included;
- No obligation to implement eradication programmes for species that are already established/widely spread in MS;
- Humane/non-lethal methods can be used for the management of IAS and MS shall ensure that animals are spared any avoidable pain, distress or suffering (Art.19).

RISKS:

- It is up to the Member States to select the management measures that are “appropriate to the local conditions”;
- EU Regulation includes a permitting system that may allow commercial activities, such as fur farming, to continue to operate (Art. 9)

Eurogroup for Animals' recommendations:

- **Not allow pressure from the fur industry to result in the exclusion of species from the list;**
- **The Commission to develop clear guidance to MS on humane management methods, including non-lethal practices;**
- **Focus on PREVENTION;**
- **Promote the adoption of the Positive List system at EU and MS level.**

THANK YOU!