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<u>TO:</u>

Veterinary Dept. of the Regional Division of Paros
Animal Action Hellas
<u>CC:</u>
Office of Gen.Sec. of MoRD&F
Ms. Chr. Kalogirou.
Region of South Aegean
-Cyclades Veterinary Directorate

SUBJECT: "Pilot programme for the reduction / elimination of hobbling for working equidae and farm animals"

- Re: Animal Action Hellas' letter on 14-04-2021 to the political leadership of the Ministry of Rural Development.

Following the above letter of Animal Action Hellas and after a meeting held by the General Secretary of the Ministry of Rural Development, Mrs. Chr. Kalogirou with the General Directorate of Veterinary Medicine, it was decided to develop a pilot programme in Paros by installing electric fencing in domestic breeding farms of working horses and farm animals with the aim of, first, reducing and eventually eliminating the practice of hobbling.

This Programme will be developed and implemented in collaboration with the General Directorate of Veterinary Medicine, the Agricultural Veterinary Clinic of Paros and Animal Action Hellas.

The implementation of the programme requires the definition of the domestic farms on which it will be applied, the detailed description of the actions, the definition of the implementation, monitoring and control procedures, the preparation of an indicative and detailed budget and the financing of the project.

In order to prepare the relevant technical and financial preliminary study for the implementation of the programme, working meetings will be held between those responsible for the development and implementation of the Programme in Paros on 17 and 18/06/2021.

At your disposal for any information or clarification required.

THE CHIEF OF THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE