

# FareWellDock



Ending tail docking and tail biting in the EU - Hazard characterization and exposure assessment of a major pig welfare problem

## Goals

- Estimation of the relative harms associated with tail docking and tail biting
  - Evaluation of efficacy of preventive measures against tail biting which could reliably reduce the need for tail docking
    - proper use of enrichment
    - good health of pigs
    - early detection
- ⇒ Supplying necessary information for quantitative risk assessment and stimulating the development towards a non-docking policy in the EU

## Partners



## Work Packages

*WP 1: Short- and long-term effects on welfare of tail docking and tail biting*

- Evaluation and alleviation of acute and chronic pain of tail docking and damage in pigs of different ages

*WP 2: Tail biting and enrichment*

- Assessment methods for proper use of manipulable material; Feasibility of straw use and the relative effects of straw use and tail docking to reduce the risk of tail biting

*WP 3: Identification of individual and group characteristics predisposing pigs to tail biting*

- Relationship between reduced health and tail biting; Using behaviour to predict tail biting on individual and pen level

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