

ABSTRACT (SUMMARY)

Education about preservation and adaptation by Pauline Wolters

Preservation or adaptation, that is the question.

Before we can make an unbiased decision about this dilemma, we need to educate the public, children as well as adults, about the choices we have.

Where do we start?

Let's start with our food. People often don't know where their food comes from. Milk comes from a factory, and eggs must be from happy chickens, because they come in a nice green-colored egg carton.

The same goes for our pets. What was their original purpose, why do they look the way they do? Did we interfere with their "job"?

Pauline Wolters, also Board Member of the European Federation of City Farms (EFCF) will talk about the places where city people can learn about things like the origin of food, preservation and adaptation of different breeds, culture and landscapes. A short PowerPoint presentation will show a number of tested projects in places like city farms and nature conservation parks where people get to meet different species and breeds of animals.

She will talk about the difference between education and information and the educational difference between "wild" or "kept" animals. There are emotional issues, dilemmas, threats and opportunities and the value of the existence of a natural area and animal welfare.