



## Education about preservation and adaptation



a few examples



# THE ORIGIN OF ANIMALS AND PRODUCTS

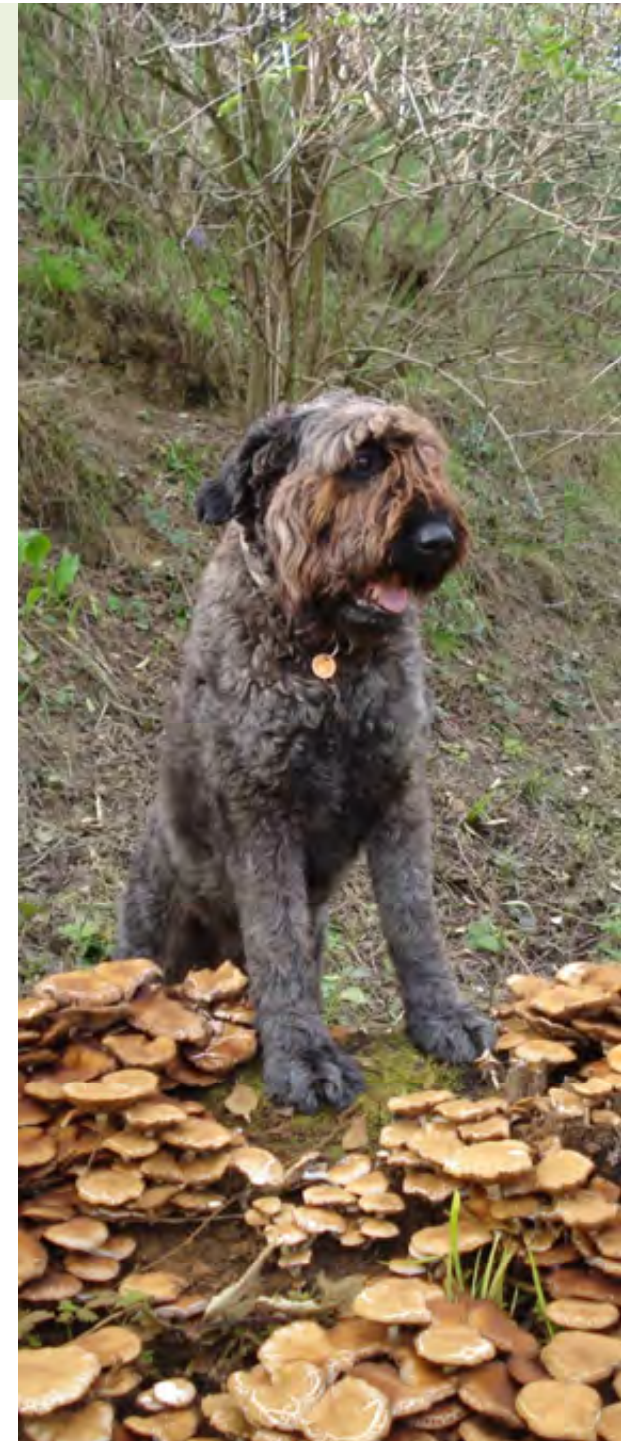
ask the children (... and their parents ...)



# THE ORIGIN AND PURPOSE OF BREEDS

... ask the children ... and their parents ...

... do you really expect an answer?



# EDUCATION

## Information or education?

Information: > facts



**Education:** > Get people in touch with the animals ...  
> arouse interest, which will result ..  
> in awareness, better understanding, commitment...  
> which brings about a change in behaviour and ...  
> contribute to a better world

by

- > recreation
- > seeing is believing
- > hands-on activities
- > same message on different levels

**Meet the breeds !**



# SHEEP

## Go with the flock

School activity

Age: 8 -12

Learn about nature conservation  
origin of sheep  
origin of dogs

Walk with the flock

Collect seeds

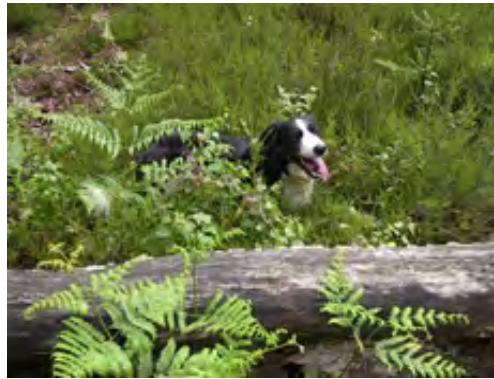
Find plants

Compete with the dogs

Care for the plants at school

Learn the diversity

Discover the difference



# SHEEP

**A wool club at the city farm**



# GOATS

## Goat club at the city farm

- Driving the goat cart
- Milking
- Taking care of the goats
- 'Mini'-work force at the farm
- Help explain animal welfare at the farm
- Help keep the city clean



Maastricht, NL

The Hague, NL



# HORSES

## Rare breed draught horses for social youth work

Young people with behavioural problems work with horses  
The horses (Schlesswig) function as sensitive indicators in a human-animal team

Horses: power / grace / calm / even tempered / versatile / reflect human behaviour



*(Lübeck-Kücknitz, Germany)*





# LARGE GRAZERS

## Large grazers in nature conservation areas

Free-ranging animals to maintain an eco-system

Recreation. Open to the public. Create a link between nature and people

Education. Hands-on school projects (ARK Foundation) in wetland areas



# LARGE GRAZERS

## 'Free nature', Foundation for *Restoring European Ecosystems*

A grazing company  
Rents out herds of cattle and horses (owns 1000 animals in nature conservation areas in the Netherlands)

Annual increase of animals: 25 %



Population of animals grows, no increase of nature areas  
Worthy destination for superfluous animals, no hassle  
Free range meat  
No market for horse meat in the Netherlands

Meat from the wilderness  
Transparency

<http://www.freenature.nl/>



# MEET YOUR MEAT



## Showing part of a food chain

Historic mill grinds the grain.  
1 hect. = 4000 kg.

Food for the pigs of 2 city farms in Maastricht

Manure goes to community gardens/garden allotments  
in the city

Meat is sold in the farm shop



# MEET YOUR MEAT

## Selling meat at the city farm

Lawrence Weston Community Farm, UK  
Granja Escola de Juneda 'Les Obagues', Spain  
City farm in Maastricht, Netherlands

*On Lawrence Weston  
Community farm in Bristol  
pigs help clear up the  
brambles and they till the  
earth with their snouts  
(pig plough)*



*Bentheimer Pig at Maastricht City Farm,  
able to digest the grain and content with  
simple shelter.*

Learn

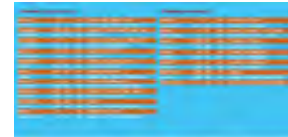
- \* where your food comes from
- \* about traditional breeds
- \* about animal welfare
- \* the right choices in the shops



# Dilemmas, threats and opportunities

## Dilemmas

Emotional issues. Do we eat our friends?  
Making choices in the supermarket  
Interfering with animal population in a nature conservation area  
Culling or slaughter?  
Moral dilemma: the value of a 'natural area'  
and the value of 'animal welfare'  
Wild or "kept"?  
Ritual slaughtering  
Use it or lose it, but what about the market  
for goats, sheep and horses?



## Threats

Lyme disease (foxes, ticks etc.)  
Working with by-products (wool)  
Contact with animals  
Diseases, transmissible to humans  
Rules and regulations in different countries, hygienic measures  
(more hand-washing facilities than animals?)  
Budget cuts for educational parks and farms and  
for environmental education in general  
'Fast' Food versus 'Slow' Food, budget wise



## Opportunities

Linking education to governmental health programmes  
Cooperation  
Animals on loan for city farms  
Lend out chickens to city dwellers (kitchen waste)  
Recruitment and training of retired farmers  
for education  
Activities about rare breeds on city farms  
Official breeding centres at city farms  
Promotion of local and regional food  
Cooking classes  
2 km zone projects for schools to research  
food cycles in their own environment



# A harvest festival

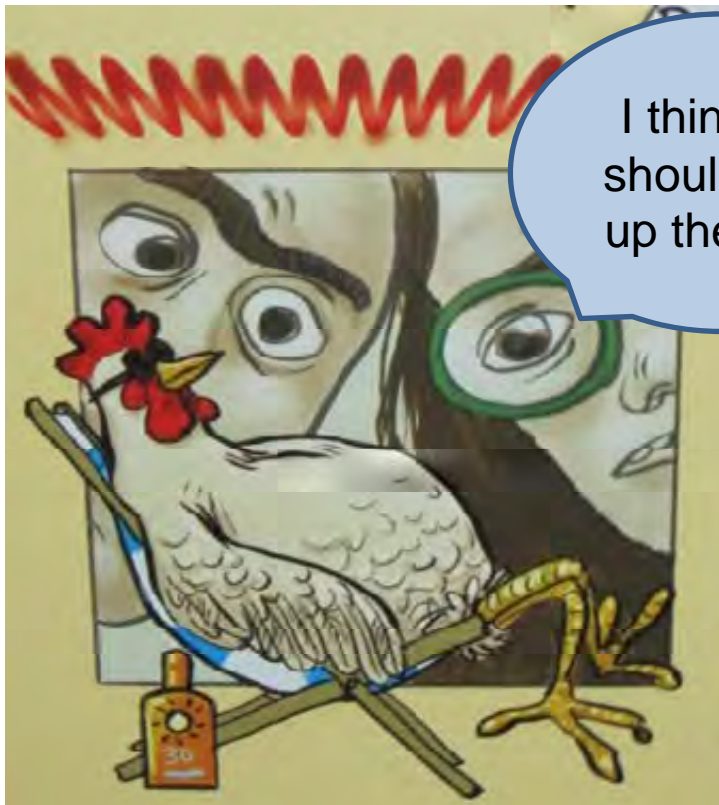




Pietersheim City Farm Lanaken (B)

Would't  
you  
rather  
have an  
egg?

**In education  
there are  
many roads  
to Rome**



I think we  
should turn  
up the grill!

Visit [www.cityfarms.org](http://www.cityfarms.org) for more information  
and the Good Practice Database

**Thank you  
for listening**

