SAVE MEETING 2023

AMALTHIA

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The situation on of animal welfare in Greece

- New law on the welfare of companion animals (4830/2021). Fines up to 5000 Euros for torture by severe physical pain, death of an animal etc

- Should farm animals be treated as pets?

Farmers vs animal lovers

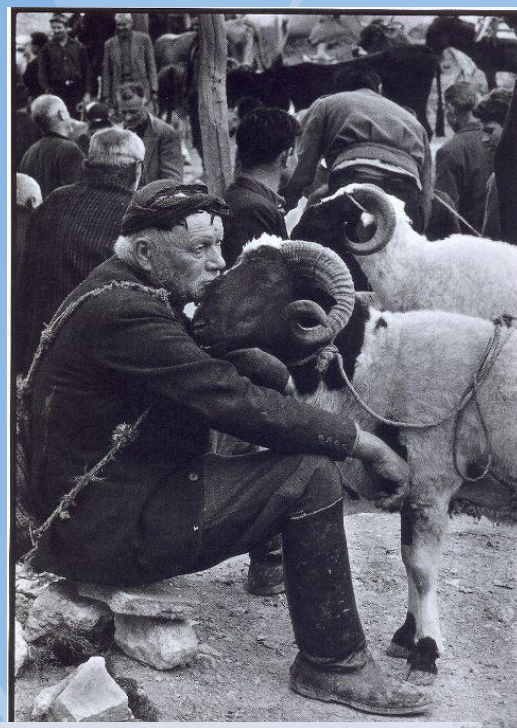
- **Farmers:**

traditional pastoralists, mobile pastoralists, small scale farmers, Ministry of agriculture, wildlife organizations

- **Animal lovers:**

townspeople, consumers, public opinion, press, media, political parties, Government, Ministry of agriculture, Wildlife organizations

Challenges on animal welfare issues for Amalthia



- Amalthia tries to convince the general public that traditional breeders know very well the needs and behavior of their animals and the breeds of animals they raise have been developed in a welfare environment

Funding for rare breeds and Amalthia

Through the 17 years of our existence we have received funding only by:

- SAVE foundation & Hape in specific projects of Amalthia in providing the means to purchase animals of rare breeds to create new nuclei
- Niarchos Foundation's grant allowed us to publish a book as well as an "Educational Suitcase" for schools.
- However, Amalthia has collaboration with Agricultural University of Athens, LMU Munich, University of Texas regarding genetic studies for Greek autochthonous breeds of cattle, sheep, goats, pigs & horses
- Also, organizations (members of Amalthia) participate in programs that are financially supported by the government or others.
- Rare breeds are subsidized by the government (Cattle, Horses, Sheep & goats)

Collaboration with SAVE partners - SAVE Denmark

- **EPICOW proposal (wide range of European rare local cattle breeds**
- **KOBENHAVNS UNIVERSITET, Department of Veterinary and Animal Sciences. Contact person: Prof. Hyttel Poul**
- **VikingGenetics FMBA, Randers. Contact person: Borchersen Soren**
- **TransEmbryo I/S, Braedstrup. Contact person: Madsen Soren**

Thank you