

Animal welfare is a key priority for European fur-farmers!



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Domesticated Fox



Domesticated Finn raccoon



Domesticated Mink

WelFur: our future, our reputation. The animal-welfare project on fur-farmed species.

Openness and transparency are the key words for the modern European fur-farming sector. Information on the welfare status of fur-farmed animals is an essential feature of this transparency. The European Fur Breeders' Association was very pleased to announce **the start, in September 2009, of the WelFur project on fur-farmed species.**

This project is the application to fur-farmed species of the European Welfare Quality® project which develops general principles and criteria for animal-welfare assessment at farm level: good feeding, good housing, good health and appropriate behaviour.

The main outcome of this WelFur project, carried out in co-operation with more than eight universities across Europe, will be welfare-assessment protocols for the mink, the fox and the finnraccoon – as is the case for cattle, pigs, laying hens and broiler chickens in the EU Welfare Quality® project – by the end of 2010. The implementation of these protocols in all our farms will start as from 2011.



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