

## A) **State and Provincial Animal Issues | Imperial 123**

*Moderator: Dana Brooks, PFI*

- a. What language does your dog speak – dog importations. *Senator Jean Leising, Indiana*
- b. Antibiotic Usage, Veterinary Usage – *Ron Phillips, AHI*
- c. Roadkill Bill, *Senator Bill Hansell, Oregon*

The session featured three speakers who spoke on widely varying topics within the world of animal agriculture. First up was Senator Liesing from Indiana on the topic of dog importation. She noted that currently the CDC says 1 million dogs are imported each year. She then asked the audience why we in agriculture should be concerned with dog importation. Importation is the result of fears from US groups about dogs being marketed for food and their work to give dog breeders a bad name. CDC issued new regulations in the Federal Register on January 14 providing guidance on dog importation.

Ron Phillips from Animal Health Institute then spoke to discuss antibiotics in animal feed. He noted that California and Maryland enacted legislation related to feed grade antibiotics with many other states being active.

At the federal level, FDA requires that the prescription purpose be on the label – sick, herd protection, disease prevention. On Jan 1, 2017 new regulations were implemented banning the use in animal feed for growth promotion of antibiotics that are used in humans. Also, medically important antibiotics now need a prescription. FDA is focused on getting antibiotic use information instead of just sales data in order to determine future action plans.

Data from 2017 showed a 33 percent decline from 2016 and 43 percent decline in antibiotic use in feed from 2015 but questions remain about how these changes will impact public health.

Finally, Senator Hansell from Oregon spoke about his roadkill bill. He noted that 20 states have a bill related to uses of road kill and there are 5000 roadkills recorded every year. His bill would allow members of the public, through a phone app created by the state to harvest roadkill. However, these can only be animals on the roadway, and you must turn in head and antlers. Most importantly, the state has no liability.

### Q&A

Ron Phillips explained AHI's one health effort

Sen. Mcginn of Kansas asked if imports were driven by not being able to get type of animal? – the answer was no, it was driven by rescues demand