

THE STATE OF ANIMAL-ASSISTED INTERVENTIONS IN ITALY



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IAHAIO

International Association of
Human-Animal Interaction
Organizations





Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

CONFERENZA PERMANENTE PER I RAPPORTI
TRA LO STATO, LE REGIONI E LE PROVINCE AUTONOME
DI TRENTO E DI BOLZANO

Accordo, ai sensi degli articoli 2, comma 1, lettera b) e 4, comma 1 del decreto legislativo 28 agosto 1997, n. 281, tra il Governo, le Regioni e le Province autonome di Trento e di Bolzano sul documento recante "Linee guida nazionali per gli interventi assistiti con gli animali (IAA)".

Rep. Atti n. 60/CSG del 25 marzo 2015

LA CONFERENZA PERMANENTE PER I RAPPORTI TRA LO STATO, LE REGIONI E LE PROVINCE AUTONOME DI TRENTO E BOLZANO

Nella odierna seduta del 25 marzo 2015:



**Interventi Assistiti con gli Animali
(I.A.A.)**

Linee guida nazionali





**Interventi Assistiti con gli Animali
(I.A.A.)**

Linee guida nazionali



- ❖ **Definitions and Indications**
- ❖ **Multidisciplinary team**
- ❖ **Structures**
- ❖ **Registrations**
- ❖ **Operating Modes**
- ❖ **Planning of Interventions**
- ❖ **Monitoring e evaluations of Intervention's efficacy**
- ❖ **Education and Training of operators**
- ❖ **Care, Training and Requirements for animals in A.A.I**

In the area of social and health interventions, animal-assisted interventions (AAIs) can be useful from a therapeutic and educational point of view to improve the living conditions of patients affected by various degrees of neurological and mental disabilities, as a part of the treatment plan.

- ✓ **Animal Assisted Intervention (AAI)**, into goal directed to improve the quality of life and promote general welfare.
- ✓ **Animal Assisted Education (EAA)**, into goal directed to promote, and support development of general or special education skills in areas such as cognition, social functioning, personal growth, responsible pet carers, etc.
- ✓ **Animal Assisted Therapy (TAA)**, into goal directed therapeutic/intervention plans that are designed to promote improvement in physical, cognitive, psychosocial, behavioral, and/or emotional functioning.

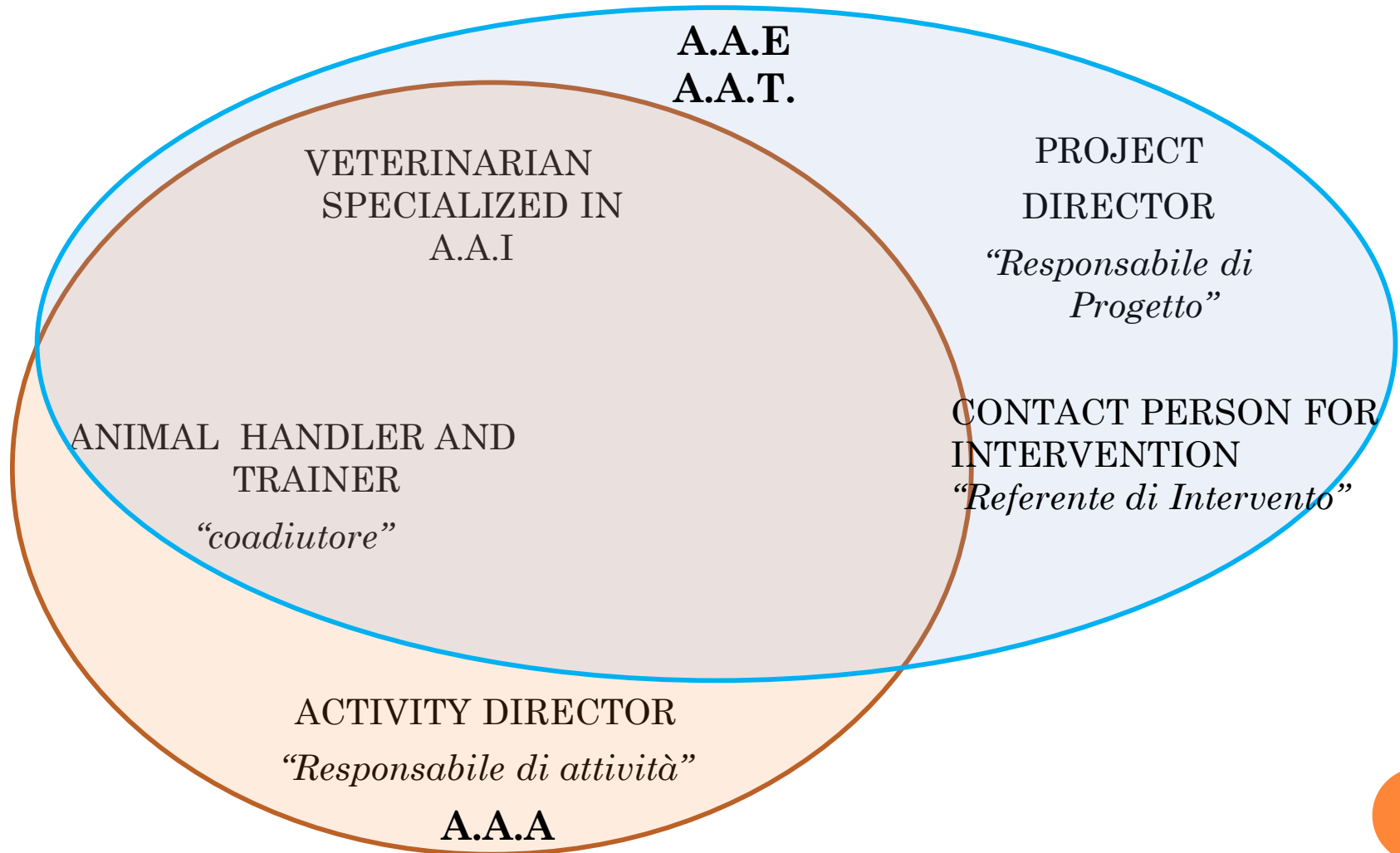


MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM

- The choice of the multidisciplinary team represents a fundamental moment, as it must be diversified according to the areas and objectives of intervention, the specific needs of the patient/ user and the animal involved.
- All team members must have specific training, recognized and certified according to the guidelines, in order to operate in coherence and synergy.



MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM





Allegato D.A. n. 122 del 23/01/2018

REPUBBLICA ITALIANA



Regione Siciliana

ASSESSORATO DELLA SALUTE

Dipartimento per le Attività Sanitarie e Osservatorio Epidemiologico

**Procedure di valutazione per il rilascio del nulla osta
ai Centri specializzati in TAA/EAA e alle Strutture
non specializzate che erogano TAA/EAA**



DECRETO ASSESSORIALE N.122 DEL 23-01-2018, REGIONE SICILIA

- Safeguard the welfare and the emotional integrity of the animals used so that the desired beneficial therapeutic effects can be guaranteed.
- The types of management condition the expression of various behavioral manifestations linked to the animal's emotional integrity, such as exploration, standing alert, and playing.
- The places and times of refreshment, intraspecific social interaction and kinetic activity, must be guaranteed through minimum structural and management requirements.



SPECIALIZED CENTER



- RESIDENTIAL ANIMALS
- NON-RESIDENTIAL ANIMALS



NON SPECIALIZED STRUCTURE



- RESIDENTIAL ANIMALS
- NON-RESIDENTIAL ANIMALS



SUMMARY TABLE

EVALUATION PROCEDURES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE AUTHORIZATION.

STRUTTURE		NULLA OSTA	REQUISITI STRUTTURALI	REQUISITI AREA EROGA- ZIONE INTER- VENTI	REQUISITI DEI RICOVERI ANI- MALI	REQUISITI GE- STIONALI <i>(vedasi capitolo 5 delle Linee Guida nazionali IAA, pag. 22)</i>
Centri Specia- lizzati in TAA/EAA	Con animali re- sidenziali	Si	Si	Si	Si	Si
	Con animali non residenziali	Si	Si	Si	No (*) (*) SI, se equidi	Si
Strutture non specializzate che erogano TAA	Con animali re- sidenziali	Si	No	Si	Si	Si
	Con animali non residenziali	Si	No	Si	No (*) (*) SI, se equidi	No
Strutture non specializzate che erogano EAA	Con animali re- sidenziali	Si	No	Si	Si	Si
	Con animali non residenziali	Si	No	Si	No (*) (*) SI, se equidi	No

AUTHORIZATIONS

- All specialized centers or non-specialized structures must have the authorization, issued by the territorially competent Health Authorities in accordance with current legislation.

Modello A1

Alla Azienda Sanitaria Provinciale di

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**ISTANZA DI NULLA OSTA PER CENTRO SPECIALIZZATO/STRUTTURA NON
SPECIALIZZATA IN TAA /EAA**

(ai sensi dell'art.7 punto 1 lettera b dell'Accordo CSR Rep. Atti n.60 del 25/03/2015)

Il sottoscritto (nome e cognome).....

Nato/a..... prov..... il

Residente a prov.

Via.....

C.F.....

Recapito Telefonico..... e-mail



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Registrazione

Possono iscriversi:

- i Responsabili di strutture riconosciute
- i Responsabili di strutture militari
- gli Operatori di strutture riconosciute

Lo scopo dell'iscrizione è quello di abilitare, dei centri, i responsabili e gli operatori. Per maggiori informazioni:

Per avviare la procedura:

REGISTRATI

Professionisti / Operatori

Centri specializzati e Strutture riconosciute

Strutture militari

Enti di formazione

Progetti di TAA ed EAA

Anagrafe degli Animali coinvolti in IAA

registri di inviare i dati che serviranno a popolare gli elenchi nazionali degli operatori e erogano TAA ed EAA e dei progetti di TAA ed EAA. Area Documenti, o di contattare il CRN IAA

Per avviare la procedura, cliccare sul bottone "REGISTRATI"

Accesso area riservata

Utente (codice fiscale):

Password:

[Recupero password](#)

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PLANNING, MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF A.A.I.

- It is the task of the team, coordinated by the project manager, to plan, implement and monitor the interventions in order to achieve the objectives.
- The planning of the interventions is different, in relation to the type of intervention.



CARE, TRAINING AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ANIMALS.

- HEALTH SUITABILITY
- BEHAVIORAL SUITABILITY
- MANAGEMENT SUITABILITY

**ANIMAL EMOTIONAL
HOMEOSTASIS**





HUMAN-ANIMAL RELATIONSHIP

BIBLIOGRAPHY E RESEARCH

- ❖ The scientific bibliography concerning the beneficial effects of assisted interventions on humans is very numerous.
- ❖ The attention on the effects that this type of intervention can have on animals has only gained importance in recent years.
- ❖ The monitoring of physiological and ethological parameters of the animals involved is a cornerstone of research on A.A.I. Only an animal that is in conditions of emotional homeostasis can guarantee the ultimate goal of the intervention.
- ❖ Our goal must be to preserve the emotional integrity of the animals and not to monitor the stress signals of the same, as if present they betray the objective of the intervention.
- ❖ The animal should not be considered a means but an active interlocutor of a dyadic dialogue with the patient.
- ❖ The animal has the task of catalyzing the patient's emotions.



CONCLUSIONS

- Wherever we work in the world, in order to succeed in the intervention and achieve the team's objectives, we must use standardized and scientifically validated work methods.
- Only in this way will we be able to protect the protagonists of this dyad: the patient and the animal.
- The failure of the intervention, due to errors in procedures and evaluations, can compromise forever the human-animal relationship and its benefits.



Thank you.

