

# Nordic research workshop on Green care Trondheim 26 June 2012

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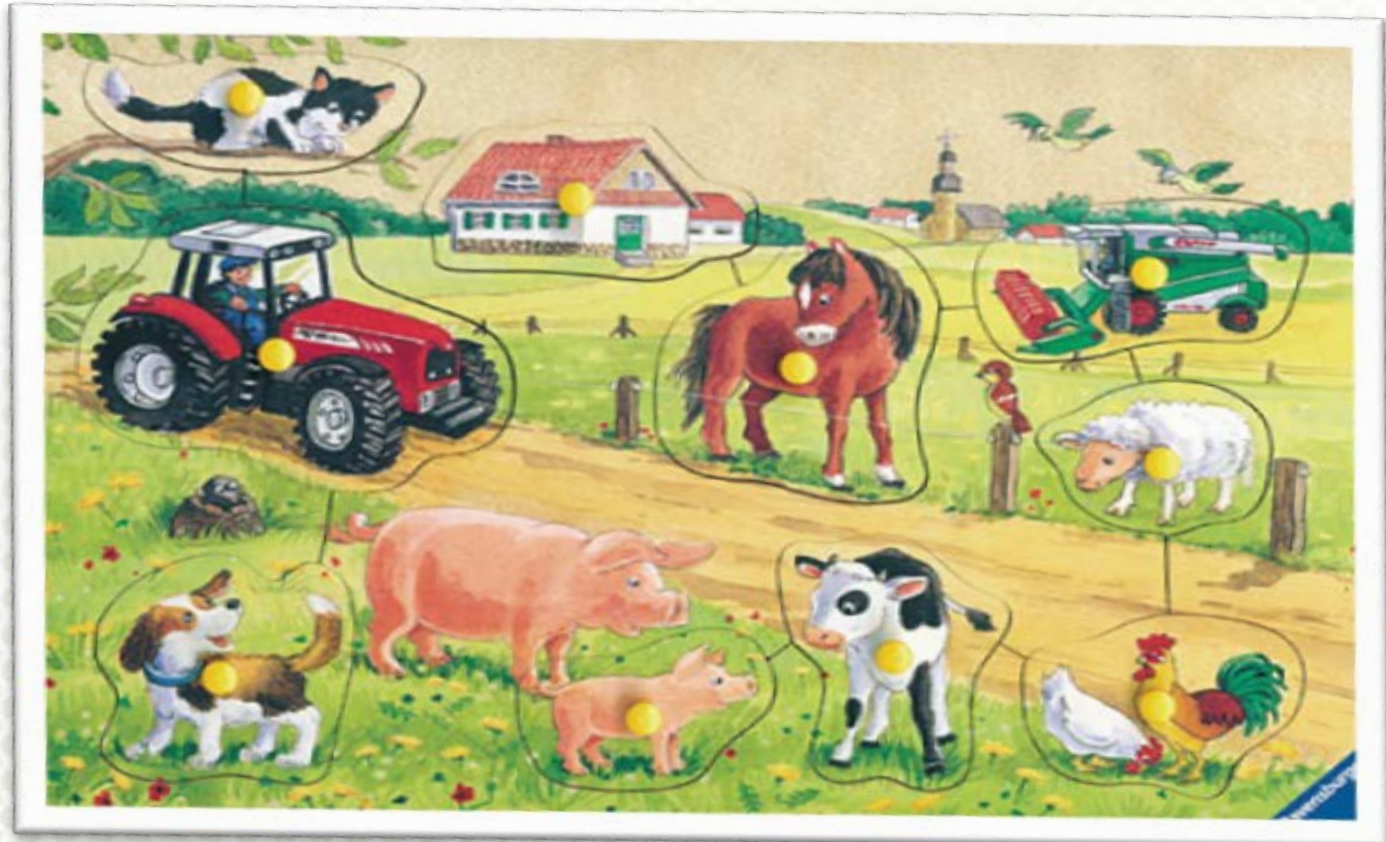
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## Green care

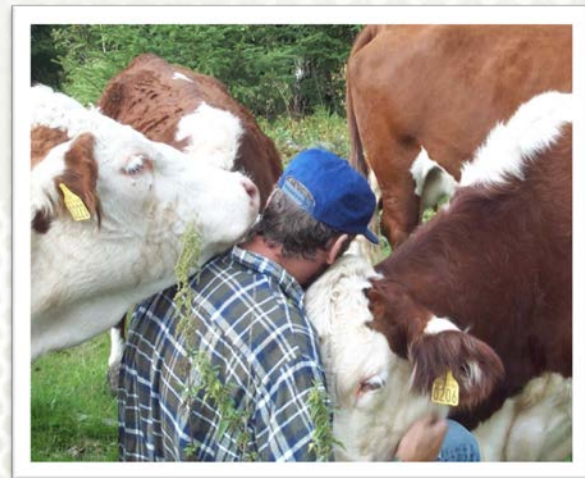
- The workshop focus is on Green care

The use of commercial farms, husbandry and companion animals and agricultural landscapes as a base for promoting human mental and physical health, social inclusion and educational benefits (Cost- Action 866, 2010)



## Goal for the workshop

- To provide a status of research on Green care and how it is organized in the Nordic countries
- Identify research goals on Green care in a Nordic context
- Facilitate the potential development of **Nordic research network** within different aspects on Green Care





# Working groups

## **Human-animal interactions. Leader: Ingeborg Pedersen**

Liisa Nurminen, Finland, Ulla Miettinen, Finland, Karen Thodberg, Denmark, Kerstin Uvnäs-Moberg, Sweden, Margareta Håkanson, Sweden, Lena Lidfors, Sweden, Hilde Hauge, Norway, Tobba Sudmann, Norway

## **Horticulture and landscape. Leader: Grete Patil**

Erja Rappe, Finland, Einar Strumse, Norway, Lina Dalskau, Norway, Elin Strandli, Norway, Hege Ericson, Norway, Merete Furuberg, Norway

## **Green care and Public Health. Leader: Camilla Ihlebæk**

Frode Jackobsen, Norway, Anne Mari Steigen, Norway, Ragnfrid Kogstad, Norway, Elisabeth Krøger, Norway, Siri Anzjøn, Norway, Elina Vehmasto, Finland, Anna María Páldóttir, Iceland

## **Planning, regional development and economics. Leader: Ivar Pettersen**

Sverre Grepperud, Norway, Torstein Steine, Norway, Geirmund Dvergsdal, Norway, Kari Frøseth, Norway, Grete Gausemel, Norway, Linda Jolly, Norway, Carsten Ørting, Denmark, Sara Kyrö Wissler, Sweden, Katriina Soini, Finland

# Summary from the working groups I

- Status of Green care in the Nordic Countries
  - Parties involved (providers, purchasers, users)
  - Identify research needs
- Holistic perspective and theoretical framework suitable to explain different mechanism within the Green care context
- Develop methodology to explain why or why not Green care works and for whom
- Identify difficulties, exchange, coordinate experiences, develop quality assurance system

## Summary from the working groups II

- Need of a variation of study design
  - evidence on effects
  - surveys e.g. best practices that may lead to an universal concept of Green care
  - identify side effects of Green care e.g. rural systems
  - cost-benefit analyzes

## Conclusion from the Nordic workshop

- There will be made a workshop report

### Including:

- Status of Green care (Care farming) from the different Nordic countries
  - Suggestions of future research
  - How to collaborate (network groups)
  - How to promote research applications
- Financing of Nordic research on Green care – how and who?