

Gathered this morning in the Formentera Council (CiF) plenary hall, CiF president Jaume Ferrer and Santi Tur, president of the island's group of livestock farmers, put their signatures on a partnership agreement for animal health.

The agreement is valid through December 31, 2016, and promises €37,000 in financing for the Associació de Ramaders de Formentera. The association will use the money to purchase vaccines and set in motion a campaign for animal health, an initiative the group will undertake with a veterinary office.

Ferrer called the cooperative alliance a source of pride and Tur described it as “indispensable”. Councillor of farming, livestock and fishing, Bartomeu Escandell, was also present at the signing. He hinted that an additional, one-off aide package was in the works for later this year. “Harvests this year are expected to be affected by the drought,” said the councillor, “so we've put in an order for animal feed.”