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## **Prof Anna Valros**



### ***Rearing pigs with intact tails - the Finnish tale***

Professor Anna Valros has an MSc in Zoology (1998), and an PhD in Animal behaviour and welfare (2003) from the University of Helsinki, Finland. Since 2008 she has been appointed as Professor of Animal Welfare at the Department of Production Animal Medicine, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Helsinki. Her main research area is behaviour and welfare of pigs, with tail biting prevention and aetiology being one of her focuses. She has coordinated two international projects on tail biting in pigs, including the EU-ERAnet project FareWellDock. In her research, she has focused on issues such as understanding farmer perceptions, the mechanistic link between health and tail biting and scoring of tail biting at the abattoir. Anna Valros is an associate member of the European College of Animal Welfare and Behavioural Medicine ((AWSEL) and an independent expert member of the EU Animal welfare platform. She has taken part in several EU-level initiatives on reducing the need for tail docking, including the TAILS-action coordinated by the European Commission and as a member of the Animal welfare platform subgroup on pig welfare.