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CALL FOR THE EU TO ACT IN ENDING EXPLOITATION OF CARRIAGE HORSES



Palma.— The Progreso en Verde political party in the Balearics is calling for the European Union to end the exploitation of horses. The party has sent letters to the European Parliament and the European Court, drawing attention to exploitation of horses that “has the approval of institutions”. The president of Progreso en Verde, Guillermo Amengual, says that Spain’s image in terms of the protection of animals is “shameful in capital letters”. In Majorca, he adds, the situation is worse. Those in charge of horse-drawn buggies “breach bylaws, regulations and law without consequence”. “The administrations fail to comply. We have political parties who allow, approve and whitewash the exploitation of horses.” Progreso en Verde is stressing that it will use all possible means to end the exploitation of horses.

Balearics has second lowest percentage of over-80s immunised

● The issue in the Balearics is not the management of the doses that are supplied but the quantity of doses.

Palma.— According to figures from the national ministry of health yesterday, 25% of people over the age of 80 in the Balearics had received two doses of vaccine by April 1. This is the second lowest percentage in the country after the Basque Country (24%).

A total of 49,542 people aged 80 or over are due to be vaccinated.

Of these, 33,141 have received one dose, while 12,403 have received two doses.

IB-Salut in the Balearics says that vaccination (first dose at least) will be completed after Easter.



Vaccination queues at Son Dureta yesterday.

This age group is being given the Pfizer vaccine, and it has been necessary to wait for doses to be available.

The immunisation of care home residents has, mean-

while, been a priority. Apart from the north African city of Ceuta, where 60% of the over-80 population has been immunised (received two doses), Andalusia has the highest per-

centage among the regions (59.5%).

As for the total population of the Balearics, 4.6% have been immunised.

This is also the second lowest percentage - after the other north African city of Melilla (3.7%).

Asturias and Castile and León, both with 9.9%, have the highest immunisation percentages.

In terms of one dose of vaccine having been administered, the percentage in the Balearics is 11.7%. Only Ceuta (11.5%) and the Canaries (11%) are lower.

When it comes to the use of vaccines, the situation in

the Balearics is very much better.

Of doses received, 87.7% have been given. Only Andalusia (90%), Valencia (90.2%) and La Rioja (90.8%) have higher rates.

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The regional health ministry has repeatedly said that this will now speed up, as the initial phase of vaccination - across Spain - prioritised vulnerable people and there are fewer numbers of these people in the Balearics than in other regions.

Fire bomb attack on Spanish leftist party's office

● A regional office of Spain’s leftist Unidas Podemos party was hit by a fire-bomb attack yesterday, police said.

The attack took place in Cartagena in southeastern Spain. The blaze damaged the exterior of the building.

Podemos accused right-wing elements of carrying it out.

“The street terrorism of the far-right will not intimidate us,” party leader Pablo Iglesias, who is standing as a candidate in regional elections in Madrid on May 4, said on social media.

Police said no arrests had been made after the attack.

It was the sixth time vandals have struck at the party building, a Podemos spokesman said.