



**Third OIE Regional Workshop on  
Stray Dog population management  
for Balkan countries**

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**Country Report on National Stray Dogs situation**

Republic of Macedonia

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# Preliminary questions

- Were you involved in the completion of the OIE Self-assessment questionnaire?

Yes

Recommendation-manual for filling the questionnaire

# I. Understanding the country situation on stray dogs

- Do stray dogs pose a problem in your country?

Yes

- What are the trends (↗↘→) in the stray dog population observed since the SDB2 (June 2016)?

Since 2016, The Food and Veterinary Agency has not implemented any survey to see the trends in the stray dog population.

Anyway, according to the data we have, from the authorized shelters, for example-Skopje there is slight drop of the number of the stray dogs. (another problem-hotspots of stray dogs)

# I. Understanding the country situation on stray dogs

- What is the progress made since the SDB2 (June 2016) by your country to assess the situation (what activities have been conducted? (e.g. improvement of a legal framework, dog surveys)

In March 2018 with support of the RSPCA we conducted a stray dog survey according to the ICAM methodology in the Municipality Centar-Skopje as a pilot municipality. This was a training of trainers so this kinds of surveys will be implemented in another municipalities within the country.

# I. Understanding the country situation on stray dogs

- Strategy on animal welfare-on force
- BoR on test of socialisation-prepared at the moment in legal secretariat for comments and adoption
- BoR for dog breeders and pet shops-issued-at the moment within the FVA for comments
- BoR for National Animal Welfare Commission- in force
- Decision for payment of animal welfare activities-in Government for adoption
- 100 000 microchips, procedure on the way (estimated time-September 2018)

# I-bis. Rabies aspects

- Is rabies present in your country?

No

- Is rabies a notifiable disease in your country?

Yes

- What are the trends in terms of rabies prevalence (↗↘→) in the last 5 years in your country?

**There is not a positive case of rabies in the last 5 years**

- Is there a national strategy for the prevention, control and elimination of rabies?

**Yes, Law on Animal health-BoR for measures for notification, prevention, control and elimination of rabies**

- Have you carried out any steps / activities to implement at national level the Global strategic framework for the elimination of dog-mediated human rabies?

**Yes-Education, raising awareness campaigns, oral vaccination of foxes, vaccination campaigns, PEP treatments system, Diagnostics, etc.**

## II. Control measures on stray dogs

- Is there a national dog population control strategy/programme in your country?

Yes-3 year animal welfare Strategy is adopted with action plan of its implementation

- What are the control activities carried out since the SDB2 (June 2016) in your country?
  - 9 approved shelters (7 active)
  - Strategy for animal welfare adopted
  - 100 000 microchips (free for the owners)
  - Educational campaign in primary schools
  - Be his hero global raising awareness campaign implemented and ongoing
  - Relevant BoR's prepared
  - Stray dog survey in municipality Centar conducted and ongoing
  - Better Communication with municipalities established (subvention on neutering owned dogs)

# III. Monitoring and evaluation of stray dog activities

- What progress has been made since the SDB2 (June 2016) in terms of monitoring and evaluating stray dog activities in your country?

ICAM methodology survey conducted (municipality Centar as pilot municipality) and ongoing, precise monitoring and evaluation will be established in other municipalities within the country

- What are the proposed/planned next steps to monitor and evaluate stray dog programme(s) and activities?

To train persons who will conduct stray dog surveys in the municipalities and after to evaluate the situation

At this phase, most important is electronical identification of the dogs (FVA ensured 100 000 microchips for the dogs)

## IV. Conclusions and future needs

- Overall, do you consider that your country is in compliance with OIE standards with respect to stray dog population control?

Yes

- Do you need external aid to address the weakness(es) of the with stray dog population control in your country?
- Yes-to form “Local Task force teams (external expert to be available to them for advice)” who will work directly with the municipalities (regions) to help them to establish proper dog population control



**Thank you for your attention!**