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Country Report on National Stray Dogs situation

MONTENEGRO

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Preliminary questions

- Were you involved in the completion of the OIE Self-assessment questionnaire?
- If yes, what do you think of the questionnaire? (is it easy to fill? Ideas to improve it?)
 - *Multilingual;*
 - *Possibility to involve more stakeholders;*
 - *Lower number of questions.*

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)?

Population is increased, assessment is based on:

- *Subjective observation;*
- *Number of dog bites (104 in 2017);*
- *Number of euthanasia (1500 in 2017).*

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):

- *Collection of data from shelters on euthanasia and number of dogs from the local municipalities;*
- *Public calls for NGO to develop methodology and assess number of dogs in municipalities;*

I. Understanding the country situation on stray dogs

- What else is needed to have a clear picture of the situation?
 - *Stray dog counting campaigns;*
 - *Regular collection of comparable data on dog population and status from shelters and private veterinarians.*
- What are the proposed/planned next steps?
 - *Open public call for NGOs - dog counting, development of methodology and results and methodology dissemination;*
 - *Systematic and regular collection of data from stakeholders.*

I-bis. Rabies aspects

- Is rabies present in your country? **No (2012)**
- 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? **No cases**
- Is there a national strategy for the prevention, control and elimination of rabies? **No**
- 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**

II. Control measures on stray dogs

- Is there a national dog population control strategy/programme in your country?
 - *No (human and financial recourses, management commitment);*
 - *Strategy/programme for stray dog control to be developed and adopted by first quarter 2019 – tentative date .*
- What are the control activities carried out since the SDB2 (June 2016) in your country?
 - *“Be his hero” campaign – promotional materials and series of workshop and info sessions to promote responsible ownership (in cooperation with NGOs) targeting different stakeholders.*
 - *New shelter in Ulcinj; Increased capacity of the shelter in Podgorica; Governmental public calls for NGOs – to improve shelter facilities (100.000€)*
 - *New legislation for dangerous dogs*

II. Control measures on stray dogs

- What are the proposed/planned next steps for control measures on stray dogs?
 - *Promotion of responsible dog ownership;*
 - *Registration and identification of dogs;*
 - *Development of methodology for counting and dissemination of results;*
 - *National strategy/programme in accordance with OIE guidelines for stray dog control to be developed and adopted by first quarter of 2019 (allocated funds from IPA 2014).*

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?
 - *Improved exchange and collection of data on dog population and health and welfare status, from shelters and private veterinarians;*
 - *Allocated funds for public calls for NGOs.*
- Which challenges have you encountered for a monitoring and an evaluation of the stray dog programme(s) and activities?
- What are the proposed/planned next steps to monitor and evaluate stray dog programme(s) and activities?
 - *Open public calls for NGOs - for dog counting, development of methodology and results and methodology dissemination*

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?

- *Not yet*

- Do you need external aid to address the weakness(es) of the stray dog population control in your country?

- *Campaigns - promotion of responsible dog ownership;*

- *Expert support in National strategy development (specific areas such as: assessing the number and status of stray dogs; identifying main sources/reasons for stray dogs and measures as appropriate; assessing public perception; development of tools to monitor progress; development of communication activities etc.).*



Thank you for your attention!