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Stray dog control in Europe

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OIE STANDARD ON STRAY DOG POPULATION CONTROL

Terrestrial Animal Health Code: chapter 7.7

(<http://www.oie.int/en/international-standard-setting/terrestrial-code/access-online/>)

Chapter content:

Article 7.7.1. **Guiding principles**

Article 7.7.2. Definitions

Article 7.7.3. **Dog population control programme objectives**

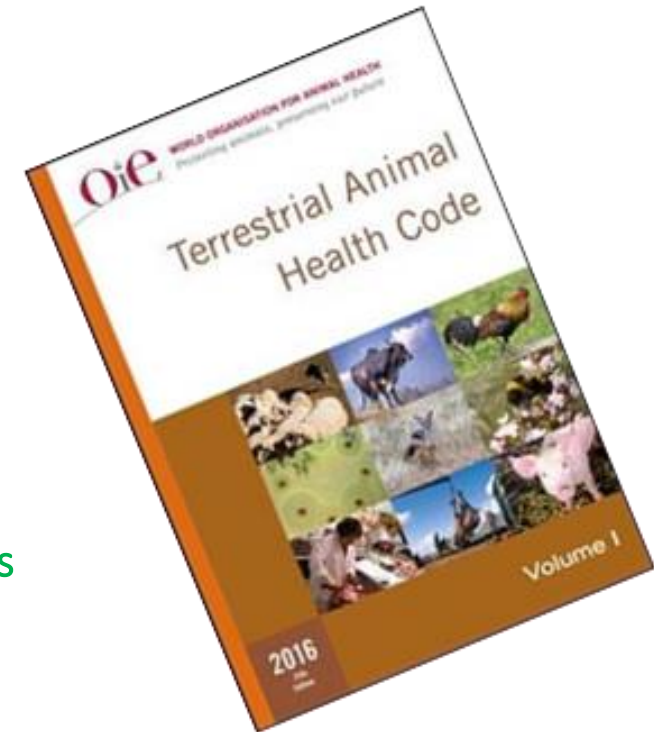
Article 7.7.4. Responsibilities and competencies

Article 7.7.5. Development of a dog population control programme

Article 7.7.6. **Control measures**

Article 7.7.7. **Monitoring and evaluation of dog population control programmes**

Article 7.7.8. Overview of appropriate methods for estimating the size of dog populations



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CHAPTER 7.7.

STRAY DOG POPULATION CONTROL - Preamble

The scope of these recommendations is to deal with stray and feral dogs, which **pose serious human health, animal health and animal welfare problems** and have a socio-economic, environmental, political and religious impact in many countries

Dog population management is an integral part of rabies control programmes

It is important to control dog populations without causing unnecessary animal suffering

Human health, including the prevention of zoonotic diseases, notably rabies, is a priority

Veterinary Services should play a **lead role in preventing zoonotic diseases**
and **ensuring animal welfare**
and should be **involved in dog population control**



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Rabies is a neglected zoonotic disease that **is usually transmitted to humans by infected dog bites**

Human deaths from rabies can be prevented by **vaccinating dogs with good quality vaccines** to prevent the disease at its source.

The elimination of rabies requires **multi-sectoral cooperation** and is therefore **a model for One Health collaboration**



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Since 2014, stray dog population control was identified as a priority topic by the **OIE Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe** (<https://awp.oie.int/>)

Within this context, a **Regional stray dog Roadmap for the Balkans (10 countries)** and a **Regional stray dog Roadmap for West Eurasia (8 countries)** were launched with the objective to achieve the full compliance with OIE standards on stray dog population control by **2025 for the Balkans** and by **2030 for West Eurasia**

in support of the FAO/OIE/WHO “Zero by 30” Global Strategic Plan to end human deaths from dog-mediated rabies by 2030



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In order to help these OIE Members to better understand their stray dog population situation, and to progressively monitor the progresses of their individual roadmaps, the OIE and the Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell'Abruzzo e del Molise "G. Caporale" (IZSAM) in Teramo - OIE Collaborating Centre for Veterinary Training, Epidemiology, Food Safety and Animal Welfare - jointly prepared a **Self-Assessment and Monitoring Tool (SAM Tool 1.0)**, under the format of an e-questionnaire

The first version of the SAM Tool was based on Chapter 7.7 and **later on a new section on rabies based on Chapter 8.14 was added**



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OIE Self-Assessment and Monitoring Tool (SAM Tool)
reviewed in 2017 with a new section on rabies based on Chapter 8.14
(Provisions of chapter 7.7 of TAHC)

- ✓ Addressed from a **One Health perspective**
- ✓ **With rabies questions** relevant from both human and animal perspectives
- ✓ **Self-evaluation** of Countries' compliance to Chap 7.7
- ✓ **To assess the progression** (regular evaluation) of the Country Roadmaps

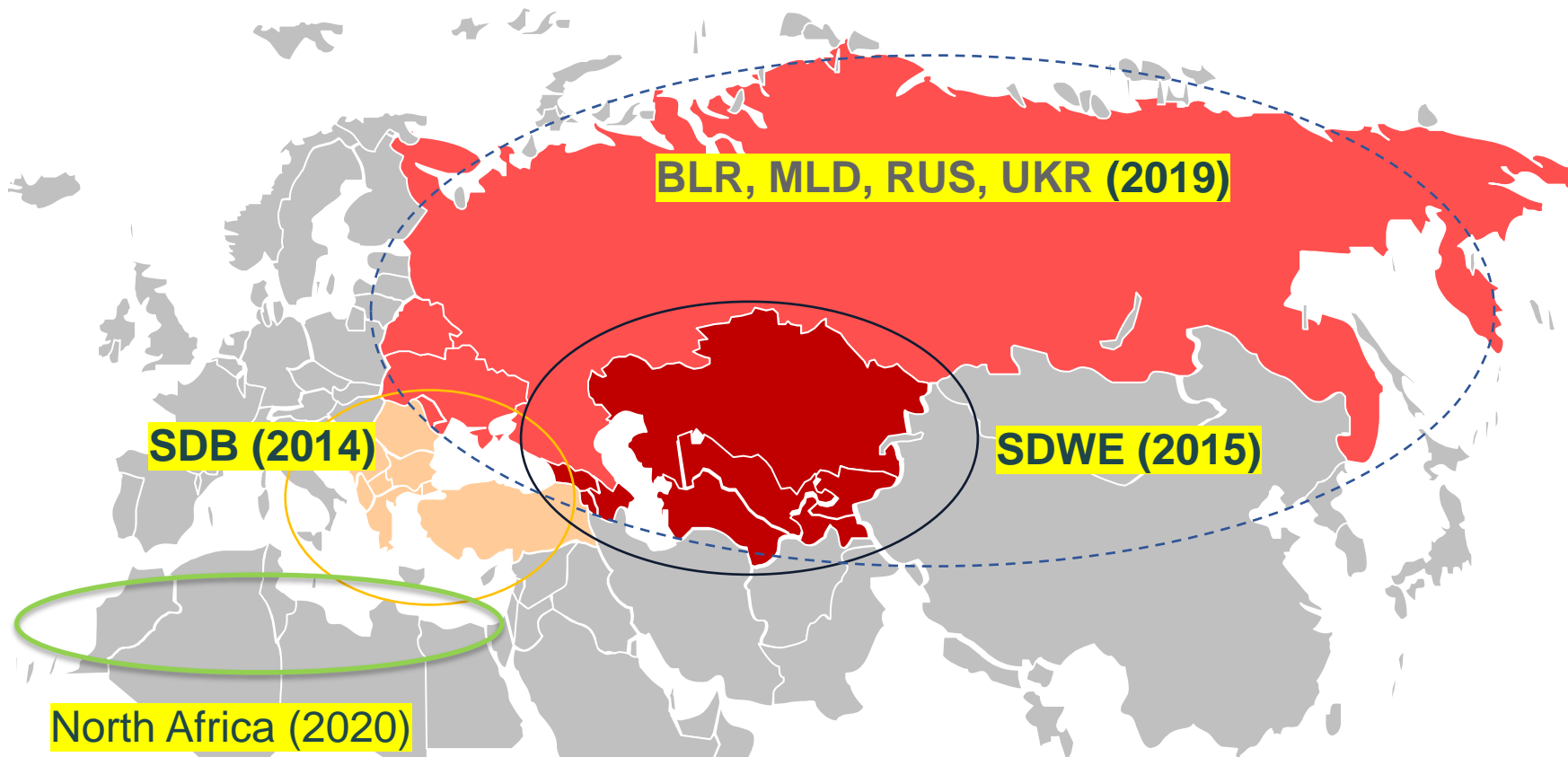


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Regional initiatives

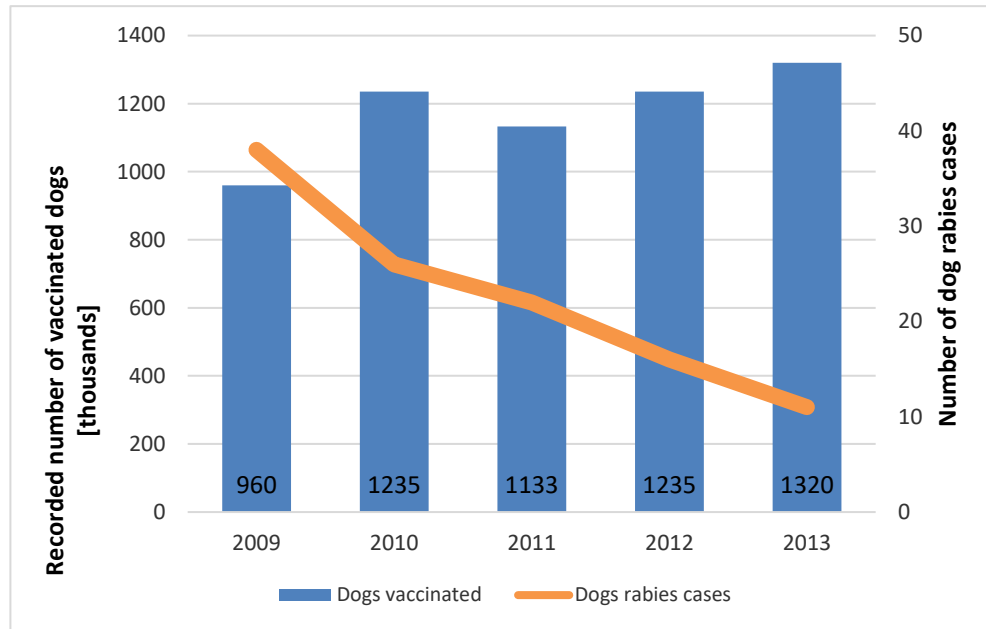
- Roadmap for the Balkans since 2014 (11 countries)
- Roadmap for West Eurasia since 2015 (8 countries) + BLR, MLD, RUS, UKR since 2019
- ERFAN report in North Africa in 2020



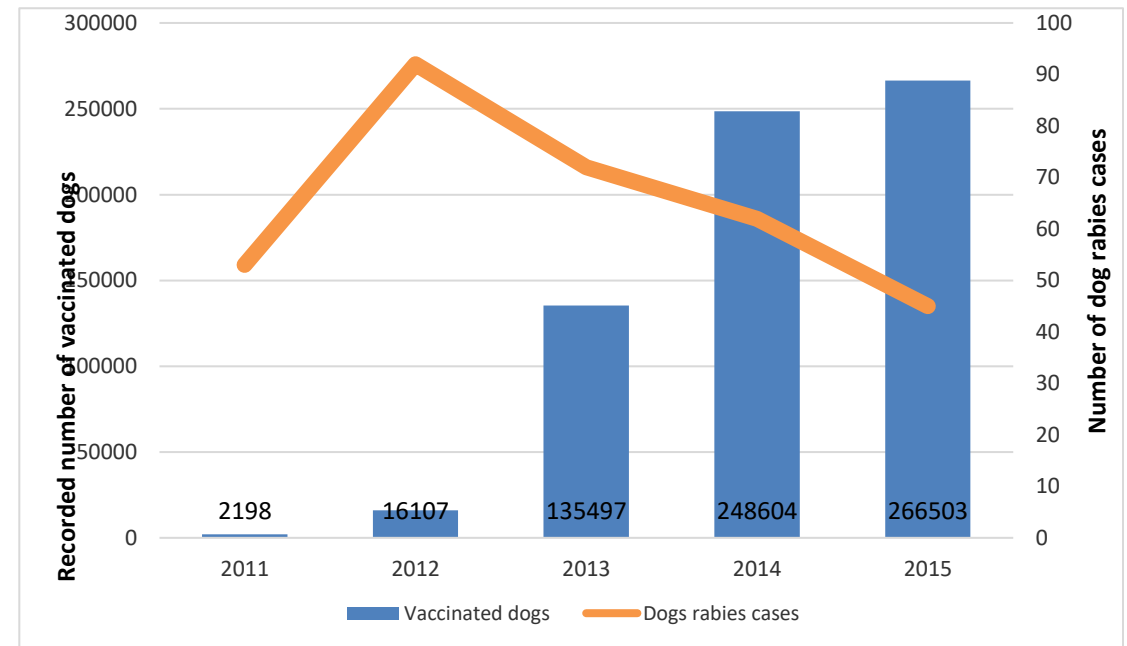
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Positive results of vaccination



Second OIE workshop on stray dog population control (and rabies) for West Eurasia countries (SDWE2)



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OIE REGIONAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON STRAY DOG POPULATION CONTROL IN BALKAN COUNTRIES



YOU CAN TELL
YOUR DOG ANYTHING...
... **EXCEPT GOODBYE.**



Being a dog owner requires care and attention
throughout your dog's life.



This Campaign is co-funded by the European Union and World Animal Protection

It's your responsibility to:

- identify your dog,
- vaccinate your dog,
- not let your dog roam in the streets,
- not let your dog reproduce freely.

If you encounter difficulties, don't give up!
Your local Veterinary Authorities can help you, contact them at: website address of local veterinaries services



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OIE Regional stray dog roadmaps

Balkans

1st SDB Workshop
(June 2014, Romania)

1st self – assessment
(stray dogs)

2nd SDB Workshop
(June 2016, Albania)

2nd self – assessment
(stray dogs and rabies)

3rd SDB Workshop
(June 2018, Serbia)

3rd self – assessment
(stray dogs and rabies - ongoing)

4rd SDB Workshop
(on-line, November 2021)

West Eurasia

1st SDWE 1 Workshop
(October 2015, Kyrgyzstan)

1st self – assessment (stray
dogs and rabies)

2nd SDWE Workshop
(September 2017, Uzbekistan)

3rd SDWE Workshop
(September 2019, Tblisi)

2nd self – assessment
(stray dogs and rabies - 2022)

4rd SDWE Workshop (2022)

BLR, MLD, UKR, RUS

3rd SDWE Workshop
(September 2019, Tblisi)

1st self – assessment
(stray dogs and rabies – 2022 TBC)

4rd SDWE Workshop (2022 TBC)



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