



OIE Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe



# **OIE NEW DEVELOPMENTS ON ANIMAL WELFARE AND OIE TAHC CHAPTER 7.7 REVISION PROCESS**

**Fourth Regional workshop on Stray Dog Population control for Balkans Countries (SDB4)  
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# OIE NEW DEVELOPMENTS ON ANIMAL WELFARE

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# STRATEGIC PILLARS



**DEVELOPMENT OF  
ANIMAL WELFARE  
STANDARDS**



**CAPACITY BUILDING  
AND EDUCATION**



**IMPLEMENTATION OF  
ANIMAL WELFARE  
STANDARDS AND  
POLICIES**



**COMMUNICATION WITH  
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- Ongoing review and harmonisation of OIE Terrestrial Code Animal Welfare Chapters.
  - New **Chapter 7.Z.** Animal welfare and laying hen production system. Not adopted during the 88th OIE General Session in May 2021.
  - **Chapter 7.7.** Stray dog population control (Dog population management) proposed for comments and adoption at the 89<sup>th</sup> GS in May 2022.
  - Revision of **Chapter 7.5** slaughter of animals (Animal Welfare during slaughter). Code Commission request the ad hoc Group will be reconvened to discuss Member Country comments.
  - Start of the work on the revision of the Terrestrial Code chapters on the welfare of animals during transport by land, sea and air (**Chapters 7.2, 7.3 and 7.4**).



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## ➤ OIE Animal Welfare Global Forum



To bring together members of the animal welfare research community, the global animal welfare movement and the global animal-source food sector to transparently debate in relevant to animal welfare topics

The Reports of the 1st and 2nd Forum could be found at:

“Supporting implementation of OIE Standards” Paris, France, 28-29 March 2018.

[http://www.oie.int/fileadmin/Home/eng/Animal\\_Welfare/docs/pdf/Conferences/A\\_Report\\_1st\\_AW\\_Global\\_Forum.pdf](http://www.oie.int/fileadmin/Home/eng/Animal_Welfare/docs/pdf/Conferences/A_Report_1st_AW_Global_Forum.pdf)

“Animal transport; a shared responsibility”. Paris, France, 11-12 April 2019.

[http://www.oie.int/fileadmin/Home/eng/Animal\\_Welfare/docs/Report\\_2nd\\_AW\\_Global\\_Forum.pdf](http://www.oie.int/fileadmin/Home/eng/Animal_Welfare/docs/Report_2nd_AW_Global_Forum.pdf)



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## ➤ Third OIE AW Forum (Virtual)

- **“Animal welfare and the United Nation Sustainable Developing Goals”. Paris, France, 26-28 April and 4 May 2021.**

Based on the experience of a workshop organized by the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences in June 2018 as part of the Global Challenges University Alliance (GCUA) workshop series. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fvets.2019.00336> .



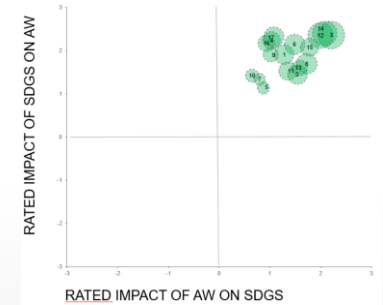
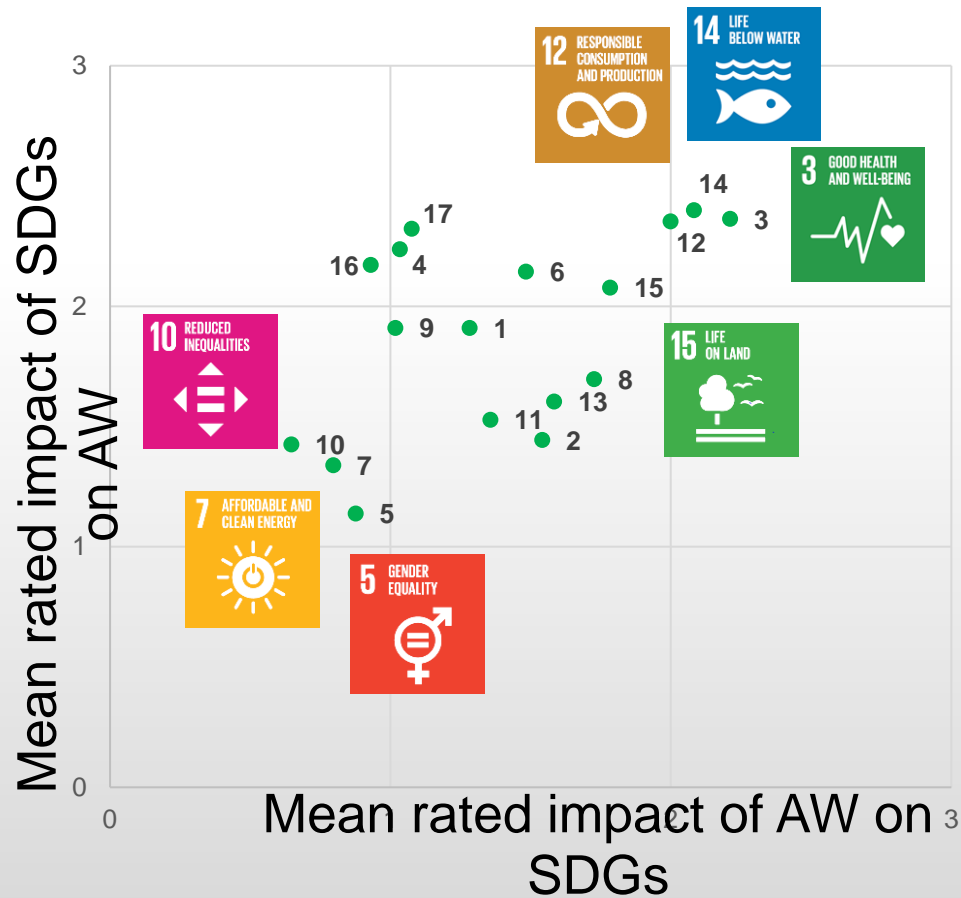
<https://www.oie.int/en/event/3rd-oie-animal-welfare-forum/>

# OBJECTIVE

Provide a platform for an exchange of views in the linkage between the UN SDG and animal welfare.



# MOST POSITIVE AND LEAST POSITIVE LINKS





# **OIE TAHC CHAPTER 7.7. DOG POPULATION MANAGEMENT REVISION PROCESS**

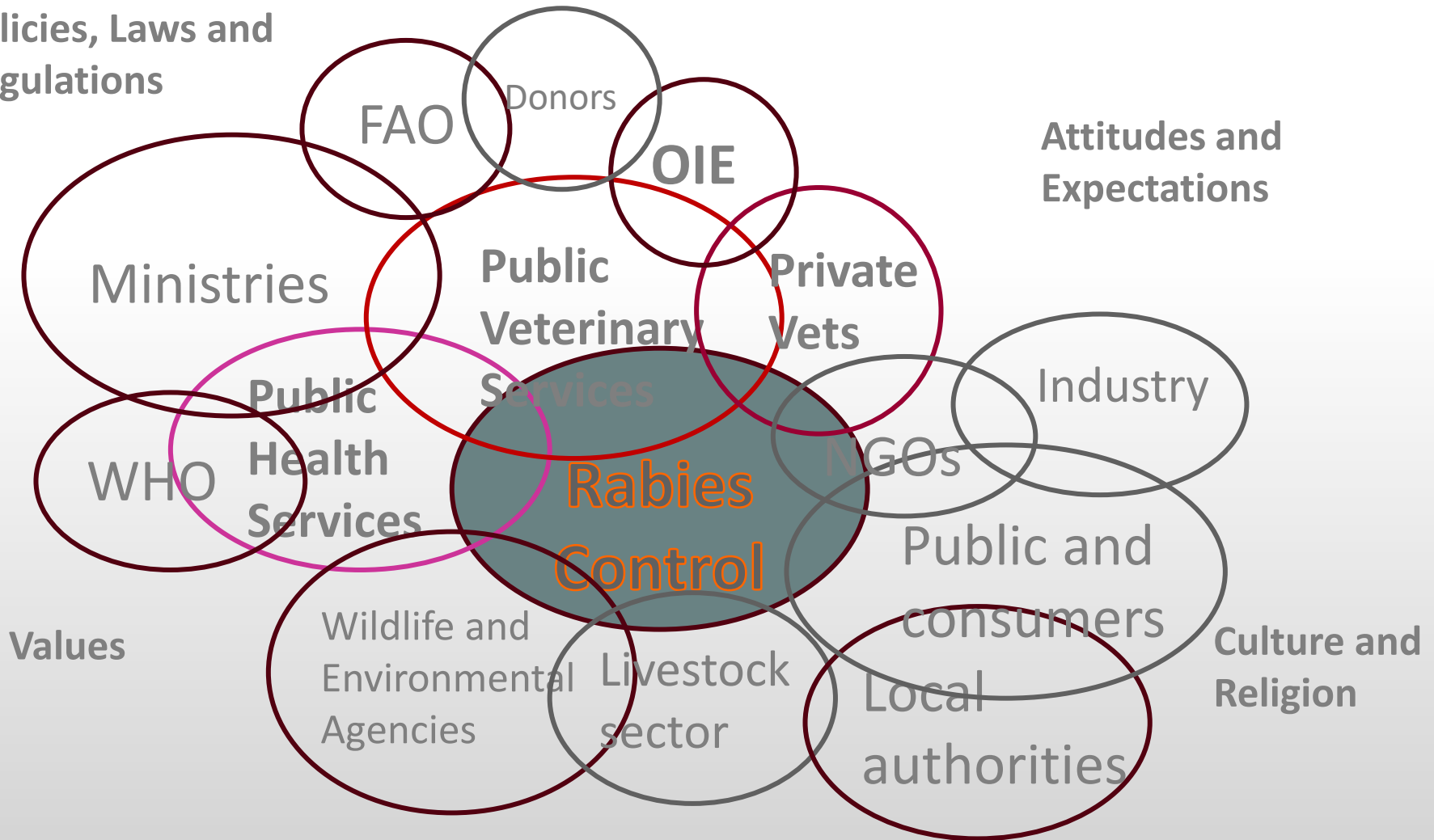


# WHY DID THE OIE DEVELOP THIS CHAPTER?

- More than 55 000 people die each year from rabies. A majority are children and in many cases the source of infection is a stray dog.
- 99% **human rabies deaths** due to dog bites
- Many millions of animals contract and die of rabies each year.
- Stray dogs pose serious **human health, animal health, animal welfare**, socio-economic and political problems in many countries of the world, and especially in developing countries and in least developed countries.



# COMPLEXITY OF RABIES CONTROL



# REVISION PROCESS

## Background

- The main objectives of reviewing Chapter 7.7 is to provide clear guidance on DPM considering animal welfare aspects, to support implementation of disease control programmes, in particular for rabies control, to give recommendations on DPM in case of disaster management, and to provide tools for interventions where dog populations pose a risk to human and animal health, welfare and security.



# REVISION PROCESS

## Background (Cont)

- During 2020 the ad hoc Group on the revision of Chapter 7.7. Stray dog population control met eleven times virtually to finalise the revision of the chapter in accordance with the Code Commission's advice from its February 2020 meeting.
- Member countries have had one opportunity to comment.
- In 2021 the ad hoc Group met four times to address Member comments in accordance with the Code Commission's advice from its February 2021 meeting.

## After the September Code Commission meeting:

- The revised Glossary definition of 'Stray dogs' is presented in **Annex 4** for Member comments.
- The revised Chapter 7.7. Stray Dog population control is presented as **Annex 9** for Member comments and is proposed for adoption at the 89th General Session in May 2022.

# SUMMARY REVISION PROCESS

## Definition

- To replace the current definition of 'stray dog' with 'free-roaming dog' in the Glossary. This definition, as the change of the title, considers all categories of dogs under the scope of the revised chapter and described the behaviour of a dog which is roaming without restriction but does not imply any ownership status.

## Main aspects considered in the revision

- In this revised structure, articles were either added or reorganised to improve the flow of the recommendations and to address the wider scope of the chapter. In particular, the articles on roles and responsibilities were rewritten to reflect the various entities who may have a role in DPM.
- The terminology used throughout the chapter and title was harmonised to be consistent with the terminology used in other texts and with other animal welfare chapters.

# SUMMARY REVISION PROCESS

## Main aspects considered in the revision(Cont)

- The scope was redefined to focus on the welfare of dogs when implementing dog population management programme.
- The objectives of this chapter were reworded and updated to take into consideration the OIE's activities around dog-mediated human rabies.
- As for the structure, the content of each article was revised to ensure most up-to-date guidance on DPM.





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