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Country Report on national situation from Croatia

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I. Understanding country situation

- Main problem → abandoned and lost dogs
- No record of free roaming dogs
- No problems with diseases (e.g. rabies)
- Good legislative base in animal welfare and health related to pets (dog population)



II. Control measures

- Since 2004. obligatory identification of 3 months old dogs with a microchip → authorized veterinarians → Lysacan database
- From 2021. marking before movement or changing ownership, at the latest 90 days of age with rabies vaccination (Animal Health Act, NN, no. 152/22, 154/22)
- Pet breeding control (Article 52., Animal Protection Act, NN no. 102/17, 32/19)
- The manner of handling abandoned or lost animals is prescribed by general acts of the representative bodies of the local self-government unit.
- The body of the regional self-government unit adopts the Population control programme for abandoned dogs, taking into consideration the proposals of the coordination work group from Article 70, paragraph 4 of this Act, and delivering them to the competent authority for assessment (for 5 year period)



III. Monitoring and evaluation

- Lysacan database
- JIC – unique information center of abandoned and lost pets = all shelters of CRO
 - date of reported missing/finding the animal, location, type of animal, sex of the animal, photograph, animal identification mark (if applicable), information about the shelter
- Data from shelters and other stakeholders



IV. Rabies dimension

- Last rabies case confirmed in red fox in 2014
- 2021 Croatia Rabies free country
- Deu Reg(EU) 2021/620 15 April 2021
- Oral vaccination of foxes implemented in whole Croatia (island excepted)
- Active and passive rabies surveillance whole year at whole territory of Croatia



V. Country roadmap Key Actions

Strengths

- No problem with free roaming dogs
- Rabies free country
- Mandatory microchipping of all dogs
- Central database
- No kill shelters
- Commercial dog breeding registration, including sale

Weaknesses

- Lack of workforce of DVM
- Lack of financial resources
- Lack of administrative capacity
- Lack of shelters

Opportunities

- Opening more shelters
- Conducting more educations for the public
- Stricter supervision of dog ownership
- Improvement of existing databases

Threats

- Diseases outbreak
- Poor controls of dog breeding
- Lack of knowledge about animal welfare in certain rural areas
- Increase in behavioral problems



VI. Successful stories

- Last 5 years = 327,555 dogs microchipped, 1.498,879 vaccinated
- No problem with urban free roaming dogs
- Rabies free country
- Future plan – redesign of JIC
- Obligation of the abandoned dog population control program from local authority units
- Increasing the opening of temporary accommodation (hotels) for pets



Thank you

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