

# 5th regional Workshop on Dog Population Management for Balkan countries (SDB5)

## Country Report on national situation from Kosovo 2022-2023

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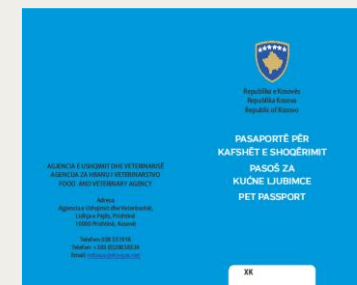
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# I. Understanding country situation – own dogs

- We start to register the own dogs in 2022 – until now about 10000 dogs are register
- The official passport its created
- The nformation campaign was developed
- All the data of own dogs reported to the central database
- All own dogs are vaccinated against rabies through microchip registration
- We subside and sterilization for own dogs - its not obligatory
- The private veterinarian are responsible to report all the data of own dogs





## I. Understanding country situation – stray dogs

- Work continues on the castration/sterilization, vaccination and release of stray dogs throughout the country
- The local level is dealing with this project
- Dog shelters are being built
- Some municipalities have begun to register stray dogs with microchips and report them to the central database. These dogs are registered as property of the municipality
- The stray dogs pose a problem in our country like Bite injuries and Traffic accidents



## II. Control measures

- Food and Veterinary Agency as the central level and Municipalities as Local authorities are Competent Authority for Dog Population Management in Kosovo
- We have the National Strategy and Action Plan for Dog Population Management 2023-2027, this strategy implemented from Central and local level
- The objectives of National Strategy are to promote and establish responsible dog ownership, reduce the number of free roaming dogs, identification and registration of dogs with owners with microchips, vaccinated for rabies, awareness campaign and revised of national legal based



### III. Monitoring and evaluation

- **We are still not doing monitoring and evaluation**
- **For informational purposes, we use the data from the cooperation with the Civil Society Organisations**



## IV. Rabies dimension

- We don't have the rabies cases
- We vaccinated the own and stray dogs and wild animals
- We have the annual plan for control and monitoring animal diseases based on national Veterinary Law.
- We have passive surveillance in wild animals.
- In 2022, 11498 dogs are vaccinated by private veterinarians
- Every year we have the information campaigns



## V. Country roadmap Key Actions

- **Development and enforcement of legislation relating to responsible dog ownership, including breeder licensing, registration and identification requirements**
- **Implementation of the project related to the control of stray dogs, including provisions for their capture, sterilization and adoption**
- **Public awareness and education including spayin, vaccination and regular veterinary care.**
- **spaying subsidy to encourage pet owners to spay their dogs.**
- **Animal Shelters and Adoption Programs**
- **Community Engagement and Collaboration**
- **Data collection and monitoring**



## V. Successful stories from Kosovo

- Implementation of the Capture, Neuter, Vaccinate and Release (CNVR) program for dogs
- Identification and registration of own dogs
- Cooperation with national and international organization for the implementation of dog population management programs.
- Public awareness campaigns and education that takes place ever year
- Kosovo has implemented legislation to regulate dog ownership, including licensing and registration





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# Thank you

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