# HOW TO PERFORM STRAY DOG SURVEY 

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- Food and veterinary agency of the Republic of Macedonia with support of the RSPCA conducted a Stray dog survey projects in Skopje, Tetovo and Gostivar according to the WSPA methodology.
- The purpose of the survey is to estimate the size of stray dog population within the city limits and to estimate the animal welfare status of the animals as well
- Also, the survey of public opinion toward dogs is performed
- The survey was conducted according to the WSPA guidelines and it is consisted from two elements:
- Direct observation
- Research on public opinion

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- Key elements of the survey:
- Trained and reliable volunteers
- Map of the city/4 color markers
- Printed maps of the wards
- Check lists
- Proper data analysis
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- The counting was performed in May 2010 and 2014 in Skopje, Tetovo in October 2013 and Gostivar in March 2014
- The direct observation is performed early morning between 05:00 and 09:00 when the dogs is most active.
- It must be continuous/according to the weather conditions (rain-that day no counting)


## Skopje

- Territory of the city divided in 100 wards
- Direct counting performed into 24 wards
- the direct counting was performed by 6 volunteers-Students from Veterinary faculty Skopje divided into 3 teams


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## Maps of the wards





- Direct observation-The volunteers were provided with the map of the ward and with a relevant check list
- Public opinion research-interview questionnaire/if it is possible engage professional marketing research company (Skopje 2010)


## Check list for direct observation

- Following parameters were noticed during the direct observation:
- Sex (male, female, puppies)
- Does the dog have an ear tag or collar
- Body score condition
- Lameness
- Skin lesions

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- Data Analysis/calculation according to WSPA manual

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## - 2010 estimation in figures:




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## Monitoring/Control survey

- In 2014 exact same survey was performed and the results of the comparative analysis is following:


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## ESTIMATED NUMBER OF DOGS

- SKOPJE 2010 SKOPJE 2014

- According to the counted dogs, 586 in 2010 and 440 in 2014, there is 25 \% decrease of the number of dogs in city of Skopje


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## COMPARATIVE RESULTS IN \%

- SKOPJE 2010 SKOPJE 2014


According to the counted dogs which is neutered, vaccinated and released there is $17 \%$ increase of CNVR dogs in city of Skopje in 2014 compared to 2010.

## Case study Gostivar

## Public opinion survey

- 51 interviews performed
- Volunteers/research company supplied with the questionnaire Data analysis/results


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\% of households that keep dogs

Don't keep dog
73\%

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Type of structure of housing unit
apartment in a building


Stray dog population survey-Gostivar
Did citizens of Gostivar feed the stray dogs

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Did dog bite you in past 12 months

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## Type of the dog that bite you in \%

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## Attitudes of the

## citizens of Gostivar

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