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Country Report on National Stray Dogs situation

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Preliminary questions



- Were you involved in the completion of the OIE Selfassessment questionnaire?
 - If yes, what do you think of the questionnaire? (is it easy to fill? Ideas to improve it?)

Regarding to this question I think that it is easy to fill and there is nothing to be added as regards to the improvement.

I. Understanding the country situation on stray dogs



- Do stray dogs pose a problem in your country?
- Stray dogs present a problem in my country as well because the number of the stray dogs is increasing every day.
- The number of stray dogs in Kosovo is unknown because they are not counted 2016/2018.
- <u>The information of population and children in the schools with</u> <u>brochures regarding to the stray dog population.2016-2018</u>. Food and <u>Veterinary Agency has taken information campaign about the stray</u> <u>dogs.</u>
- It has ben started the project for stray dog castration , sterilization, identification, vaccination and their release ?
- Regarding to the legal framework In the 2017-2018 have been drafted and they are in force the two regulations .
- 1.Regulation on stray dog shelter and

2.Regulation on identification of the stray animals.

I-bis. Rabies aspects



- <u>No there is no rabies present.</u>
- <u>Yes</u>
- <u>There is no cases of rabies in Kosovo the last case of the rabies</u> was in 2007 in wild animals (<u>Two foxes</u>)
- There is a strategy in place regarding to the prevention, control and elimination of the rabies. There is a law in force and Administrative Instruction on Rabies
 - The vaccination of all dogs
- Yes there has been undertaken two campaigns regarding to the rabies vaccination funded by EU in cooperation with the Food and Veterinary Agency, and the last campaign was undertaken few days ago.

III. Monitoring and evaluation of stray dog activities



- <u>It has been made a good progress regarding to the stray dog</u> <u>population. The Food and Veterinary Agency is monitoring the</u> <u>implementation of the strategy carried out by Veterinary</u> <u>practises. The sterilization, vaccination and castration of the</u> <u>stray dogs which is in the process</u>
 - No challenges seen so far
- Construction of seven small shelters in all seven regions of the Republic of Kosovo.

IV. Conclusions and future needs



- Overall, do you consider that your country is in compliance with OIE standards with respect to stray dog population control?
- I do not think that the country is in compliance with OIE standards. We do refer the OIE standards but there is a lot to be done
- Do you need external aid to address the weakness(es) of the stray dog population control in your country?
- I think Yes because in the strategy the construction of seven small shelters is planned.



Thank you for your attention!