



RSPCA International- Europe, Turkey and Central Asia



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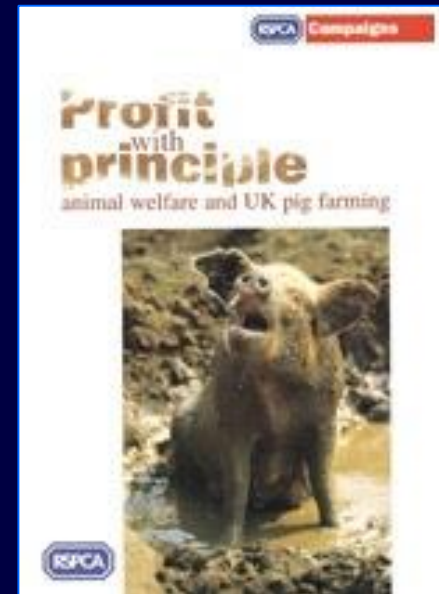
‘The RSPCA will, by all lawful means, prevent cruelty, promote kindness to and alleviate suffering of all animals’



- Founded in 1824, world's oldest animal welfare organisation
- Concern for all animals
- Charity, no government funding
- Investigates and prosecutes breaches of UK animal welfare law
- Lobbies, campaigns and educates
- Animal centres, hospitals, 1,650 staff



- 30 scientific staff, 4 departments
- Produce campaign reports, standards
- Commission independent research
- Advise government, sit on scientific panels



RSPCA International

Where?

Asia

Europe

Southern



Links to organisations

What?

Advice

Training courses

Support



Programme of training in Europe 2006-2015

- Portugal ‘Welfare of food animals’ Train-a-Trainer programme 2 yr programme
- Bulgaria ‘Welfare at slaughter’
- Spain – Welfare at slaughter
- Turkey - Poultry welfare officer and abattoir welfare assessment
- Western Balkans 2008- 2011 ‘Welfare of food animals’ train-a-trainer 2 yr programme
- Western Balkans- Poultry welfare officer
- Western Balkans-Welfare on farm (WOA)
- Turkey- Animal welfare officer-red meat species

RSPCA IN TURKEY-Poultry welfare

2011 -Poultry welfare workshops in collaboration with the Turkish national poultry Association BESDBIR.

Poultry welfare officer and poultry welfare assessment focussing on the key requirements of the EU slaughter regulation.

50+ professional trained



RSPCA IN TURKEY-Red meat species

2013 –Training workshop in collaboration with the Turkish national red meat Association ETBIR and Istanbul Veterinary Association.

Animal welfare officer and abattoir welfare assessment focussing on the key requirements of the EU slaughter regulation.

Particular emphasis given to religious slaughter.





WBVN
**Western Balkans
Veterinary Network**
for Animal Welfare

*A unique platform
for the advancement of
animal welfare through
education, research and
professional training*



Companion Animals : Farm Animals : Research Animals : Contact

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WBVN- Areas of concern

- Farm animals
- Research animals
- Companion animals



Aims:

Qo initiate and develop research in the field of animal welfare

Qo achieve closer collaboration between stakeholders

Qo facilitate cross border academic and scientific co-operation

Qo assist implementation and enforcement of the EU legal framework

Qo develop professional training and education initiatives in the relevant fields

Countries

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia,
Kosovo, Montenegro, R. of Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia
Turkey

Institutions

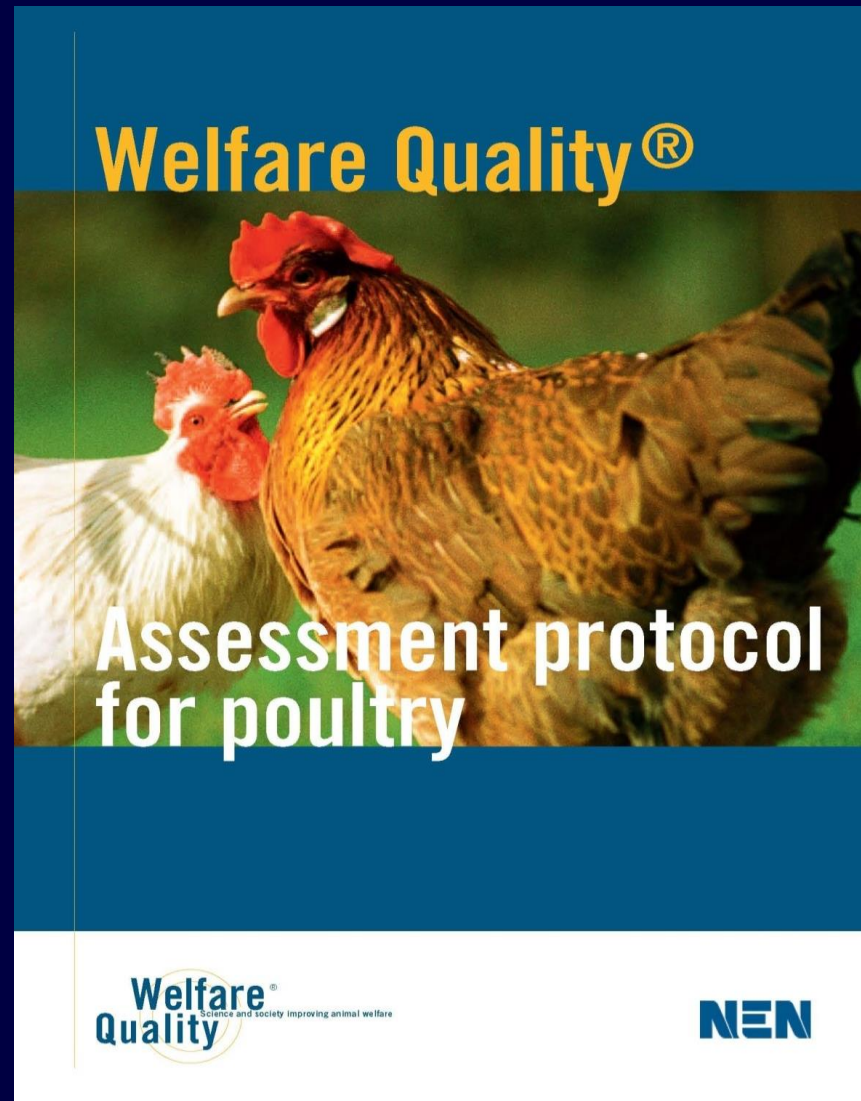
State Veterinary Departments, Agricultural and
Veterinary faculties, Veterinary organizations, Meat
Industry, Farming and producer associations, Consumer
groups, NGOs

External partners

FVE, EU Commission, Bristol University, Welfare Quality
Network, IRTA-Spain, BOKU-Austria, ICT- Teramo,

2010 – Workshop in Croatia (pigs and poultry) for the veterinary professionals, industry operators and state inspectors

2011 – Workshop held in Macedonia (Pigs, poultry and cattle) for the veterinarians, Inspectors and industry.



Western Balkans, West Eurasia- Companion animals

- Stray dog population surveys to gather data on numbers and sources of stray dogs.
- Assist countries to develop adequate regulatory frameworks.
- **WBVN members promote humane, scientific and practical approaches to dog population management.**
- Disseminate information with the competent authorities and propose solutions.



Companion animals

Shelter management and dog handling training in:

Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, FYR Macedonia, Greece, Georgia, Korea, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine

TAIEX missions on stray dog control across the Balkans (Croatia, Serbia, Montenegro, FYROM)

TAIEX missions- Bosnia and Azerbaijan

Scoping activities in Albania



- Large stray dog population across Turkey
- Lack of comprehensive dog population management approach



- 2010- 2103 multiple training courses held in Istanbul, Ankara, Izmir, Antalya 2010- 2103
- Working with the central government, municipal and local authorities and veterinary professionals to improve the situation on the ground.

Animal welfare centres in Western Balkans-Croatia and R.Of Macedonia

- Increased co-operation between the stakeholders.
- Development of training courses on animal welfare in line with the EU leg and OIE stadards
- Development of professional accredited courses for food business operators
- Policy development and guidance
- Animal welfare scientific research
- Regional collaboration

RAWC

CVI and RSPCA

- Identify animals welfare priorities
- Focus on developing specific animal welfare standards at a regional level
- Interaction between the stakeholders – industry , producers, ngos, policy makers
- Road map for the future

RSPCA IN CENTRAL ASIA: MULTILATERAL COOPERATION



May 2014 1st multicounty workshop on animal welfare (transport and slaughter)



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

RSPCA in Caucuses and Central Asia:

- March 2014- RSPCA initiated first TAIEX mission on animal welfare to Azerbaijan focusing mainly on EU legislation
- Exploratory activities underway in Georgia and Azerbaijan in 2015 with a focus on dog population management.

RSPCA-FAO initiative IN CENTRAL ASIA



TCP project development in
Caucases with emphasis on
transport and slaughter.
Fact finding mission to
Azerbaijan and Georgia in
September 2016.



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RAWC 2014 -2015

CVI and RSPCA hosted the first meeting of the regional advisory board 27-28 feb 2014.

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The role of RAWC is to provide scientific and expert support regarding Animal Welfare issues to Countries in the Region, based on newest scientific accomplishments, best practices, EU and national legislation and guidelines and OIE recommendations, but keeping in mind regional specificities.

The mission of RAWC is to promote the humane treatment of animals, raise awareness of the needs of animals in order to prevent unnecessary suffering of animals in the Balkan region.

The mission of RAWC is to become a centre of excellence in the region to provide assistance to all the major stakeholders in the Balkans towards developing best animal welfare standards and practices.

The vision of RAWC is to work towards the highest possible animal welfare standards through active cooperation and participation of all key stakeholders in the region.

Croatian Veterinary Institute- **Regional Animal Welfare Centre**

- Increased co-operation between the stakeholders , competent authorities , professional bodies, academia, business operators, ngos
- Development of education and training on priority AW issues
- Development of professional accredited courses for food business operators
- Policy development and guidance
- Coordinate Animal welfare scientific research
- Regional coordination and collaboration
- Establishment of stakeholder platforms

- Steering group (Croatia, Slovenia, Macedonia, Bulgaria, Serbia, Bosnia) met 3 times during 2014-2016 to develop action plan for the region
- RAWC has been formally endorsed by the CVOs in most of the represented countries
- CVI provides secretariat for 2 yrs, RSPCA and CVI funded
- 6-7 May 2015 Workshop in Croatia to disseminate the RAWC results and engage with the wider stakeholder body

- January 2016 SG meeting with the representative of the OIE to discuss the support for the awareness campaign.
- RAWC supported printing and distribution of materials to 7 countries and provided coordination between countries.
- ToR revised and work plan agreed for 2016
- Next annual regional workshop in October (FYROM) 2016 with the focus on family and traditional farms in the region
- Developing a multi species guidance on animal welfare for small farmers and producers
- Completing the expert database
- Setting up stakeholder platforms

Thank you !

