

# Overview of FOUR PAWS International work

**Working Equines, stray animals and  
Disaster relief / rapid response**

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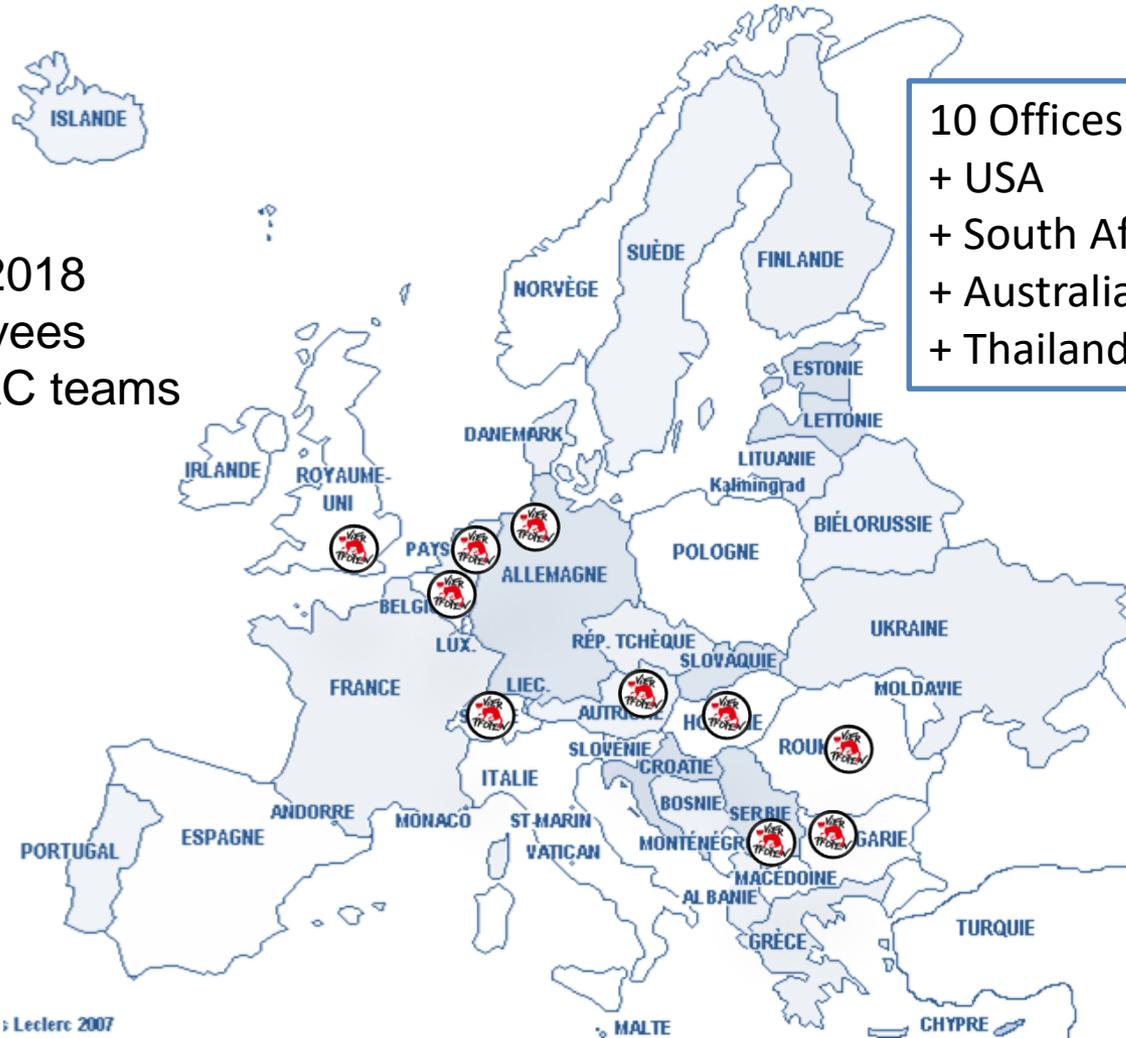
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# Few Words about VIER PFOTEN / FOUR PAWS

30 Years in 2018  
300+ Employees  
DRUnit + SAC teams  
CC Horse



10 Offices in Europe  
+ USA  
+ South Africa  
+ Australia  
+ Thailand



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# FOUR PAWS International work

## Working Equines

Jordan

Romania



# Working horses in Petra park, Jordan

- Working/tourist horses in Petra, have long working hours.
- To relieve this suffering, FOUR PAWS started a project with Princess Alia Foundation to improve the health and working conditions of horses in the Petra park.
- We provide expertise, treatments, medicine, infrastructure and capacity building. More than 100 horses have been treated in the last 2 years.
- In 2017, we implemented trainings and knowledge transfer.



# Achievements in Petra park, Jordan

- A law on the welfare labour animals was implemented in March 2016 for the working animals in Petra park.
- FOUR PAWS built 18 new stables and a water channeling system.
- The health of Petra horses has considerably improved.
- This year, a vet check point will be installed for all Horses entering the park to collect data and decide which horses are fit to work and which ones not.
- The horse carriage horses will receive new and lighter carriages (in total 12) – this will improve their health and welfare.



# Working Horses in Romania

- In Romania, a high number of horses and donkeys are used daily for agriculture and transport.
- About 760,000 horses used for agriculture are estimated in Romania
- The horses and donkeys often live under harsh conditions with many hours of work.
- We are currently elaborating a project to help these animals and their owners (often very poor).
- Work on equine responsible ownership, including I&R



# FOUR PAWS work (VP Int. and EPO) Stray Animal Care / Responsible Ownership



# Stray Animal Care

- Long Term Goal:** Effective prevention, reduction and management of stray animal populations
- 2 objectives:**
- 1) Strategic and Humane Stray Animal Population Control
  - 2) Create positive attitudes towards stray animals
- Targeted Countries:** RO, BG, UA  
+ Extra local projects (small scale): AT, DE, CH, Thailand, RSA, Indonesia and Australia
- Strategy:** Improve the capacity of municipalities + local charities to control stray animal populations in a sustainable and humane way.  
It involves education + professional trainings



# Supporting local shelters

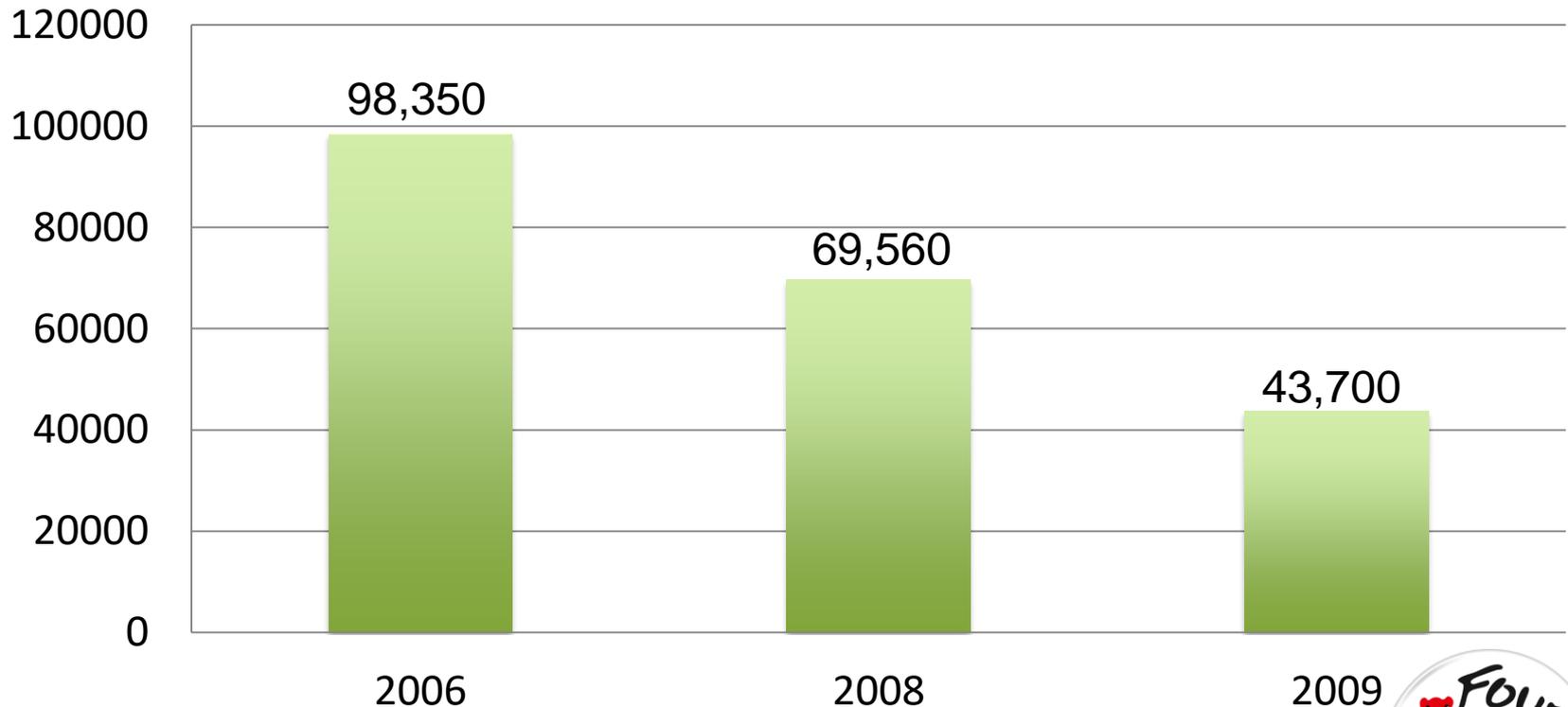
## International Shelter Assistance Programme

- To be launched in 2017
- Goal: helping shelters to develop effective adoption programmes and carry out necessary improvements to the shelter to help improve the quality of life for the shelter animals.
- Focus on countries in the Balkan Region and in South-East Asia having a very low adoption rate
- The programme will offer to selected shelters both financial (providing grants) and/or non-financial support (providing advise to shelters on relevant shelter topics, for example, set up of an adoption programme for the shelter animals)



# Catch, Neuter & Release: the effectiveness of the method (example of Bulgaria)

Number of stray dogs 2006-2009

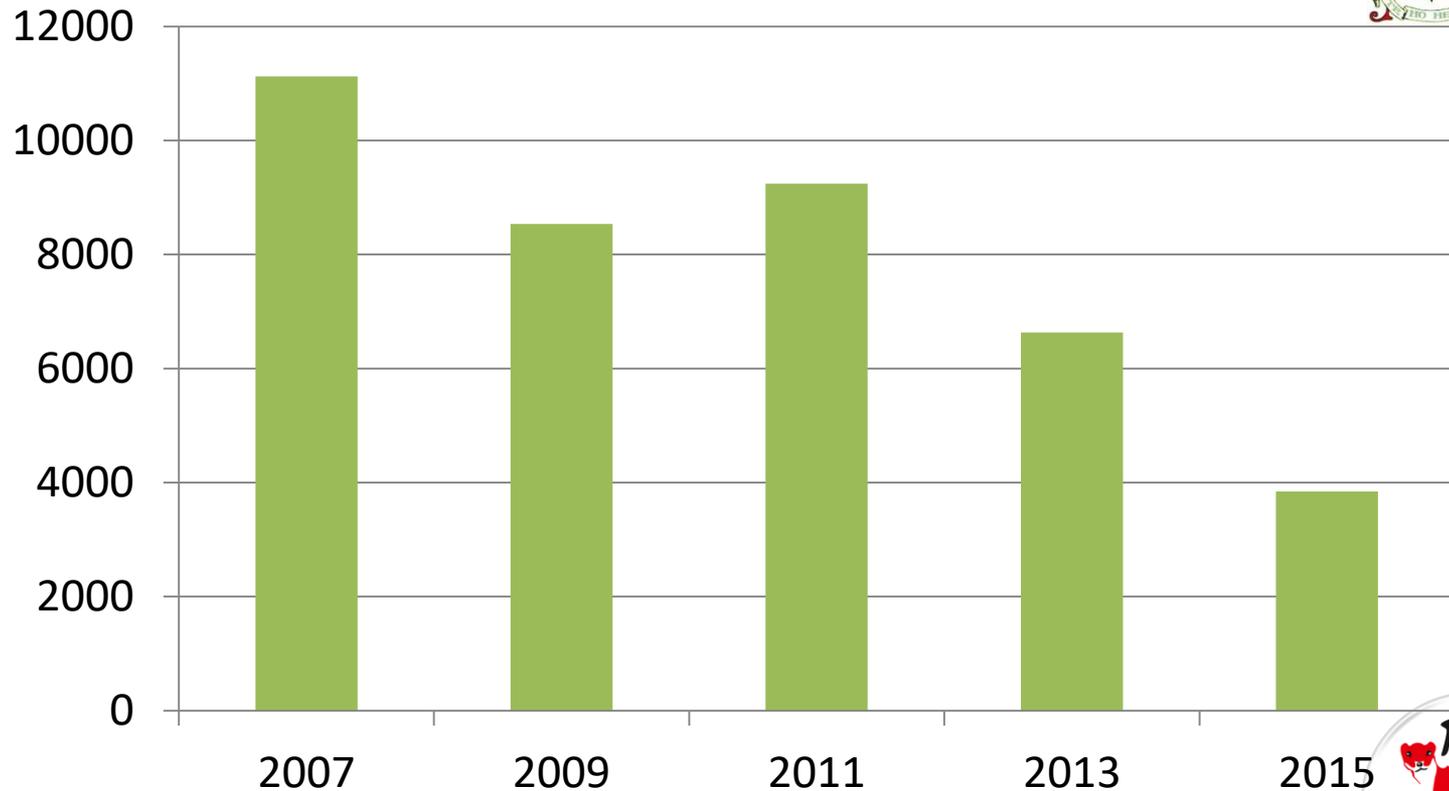


Source: Damyan Draganov Iliev, Deputy  
Director General, National Veterinary  
Service of Bulgaria



# Catch, Neuter & Release: the effectiveness of the method (example of Sofia)

Number of Stray dogs in Sofia (2007-2015)



Source: FOUR PAWS census

# Companion Animals Responsible Ownership

## The CARO projects



- **Initiators:** VIER PFOTEN International, European Policy Office and IZSAM (Co-founder of the Websites, 2010)



- **Partners:**



- **The Canine and Feline Traceability Experts Group**



# FOUR PAWS International missions

## Disaster relief and Rapid response



# Community

**COMMUNITY = PEOPLE + ANIMALS**



# Animals in Disasters

Animals in Disasters are a concern to everyone.

1)Public Health

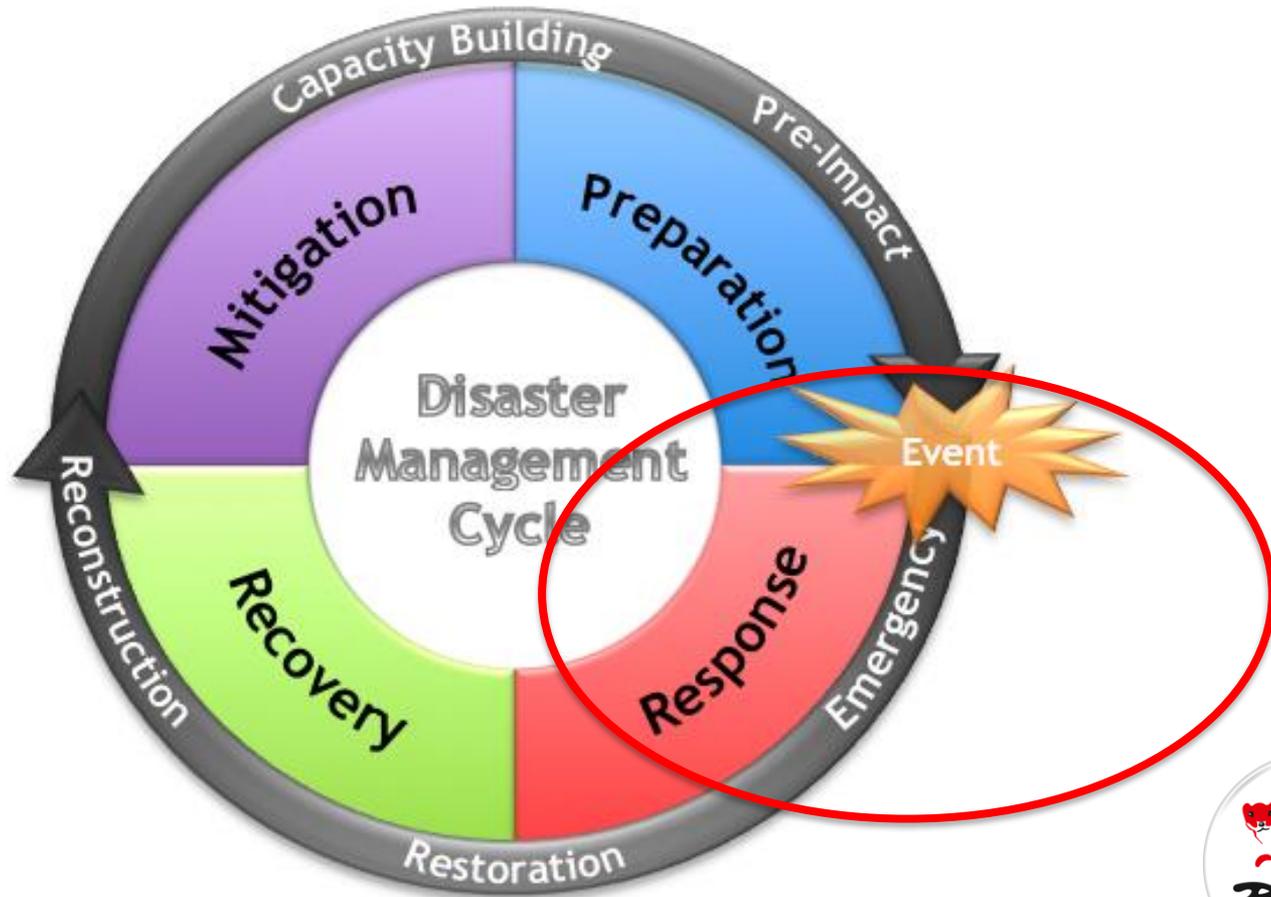
2)Livelihoods

3)Public Safety and Civil Protection

- To build Community Resilience
- To help to improve animal welfare and human wellbeing worldwide



# Disaster Management Cycle



# The Bottomless Pit of Disaster Relief



# DRU Mission Statement

The Strategic Mission of Disaster Relief Unit is :

## Disaster Relief Mission

- To assist communities with animals affected by disasters through.
  - direct animal rescue
  - provisioning of public health services for animals
  - protection of livelihoods with animals
  - support civil protection efforts for communities with their animals

## Disaster Risk Reduction

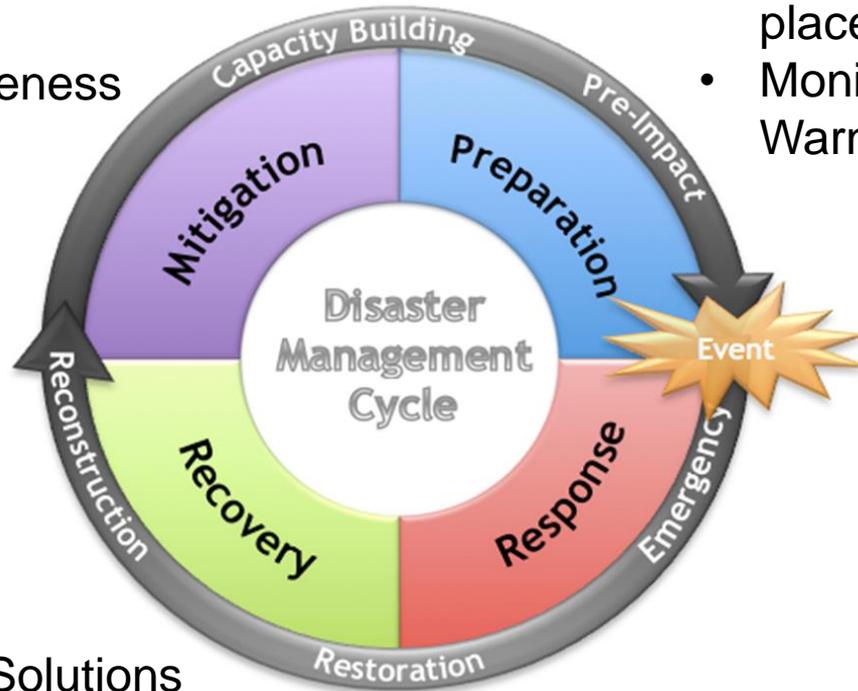
- To build resilient communities through disaster risk reduction policies and practices that are inclusive of animals.
- To inform animal owners so that they are prepared to disasters (Brochures, etc.)



# Disaster Risk Reduction

- Rescue 3 Europe Standard
- FEMA ICS Standard
- 52 Responders at VP
- Partner Training
- Community Awareness
- Programme

- Partnerships and Networks
- (Red Cross, incl. BG)
- Equipment Cache (4 places)
- Monitoring and Early Warning



- Community Led Solutions
- Awareness Development
- Disaster Data Collection
- Reconstruction



# Strategy Map



# Four Paws International missions

## Disaster relief and Rapid response

- Darfur Conflict
- Pakistan Floods
- Myanmar Floods
- South Africa Fires
- Bulgaria Floods
- Gaza Conflicts
- Philippines Floods
- Iraq Conflict
- Sri Lanka Tsunami
- Egypt Drought
- Chennai Floods
- Borneo Fires
- Romania Floods
- Kenya Drought
- Bulgarian Train Explosion
- Western Australia Bushfires
- Italy Earthquake





**Thank you  
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# Questions are welcomed



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