

## 3rd meeting of the OIE stakeholder Platform



How can Animal welfare NGOs support the OIE  
activities on animal welfare

*The role of the RSPCA International*



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RSPCA International

## ROLE



- ◆ 1824, world's oldest animal welfare organisation
- ◆ Charity, no government funding
- ◆ Enforces animal protection law in England & Wales
- ◆ Lobbies, campaigns and educates
- ◆ 2015: 1,650 staff



## HEADQUARTERS

- ◆ Horsham, West Sussex



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# INSPECTORS



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## RESCUE & REHOMING



- ◆ 51 animal rehoming centres
- ◆ Rehoming 53,000 animals annually

- ◆ 4 hospitals, 41 clinics



## WILDLIFE REHABILITATION

- ◆ 4 wildlife hospitals, 70 staff
- ◆ 16,000 wildlife casualties annually



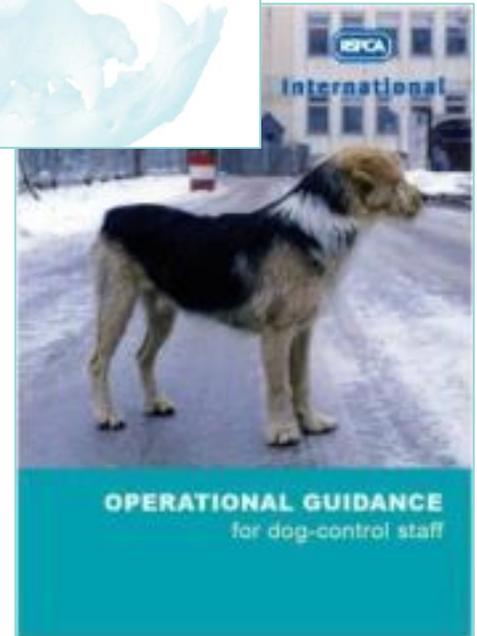
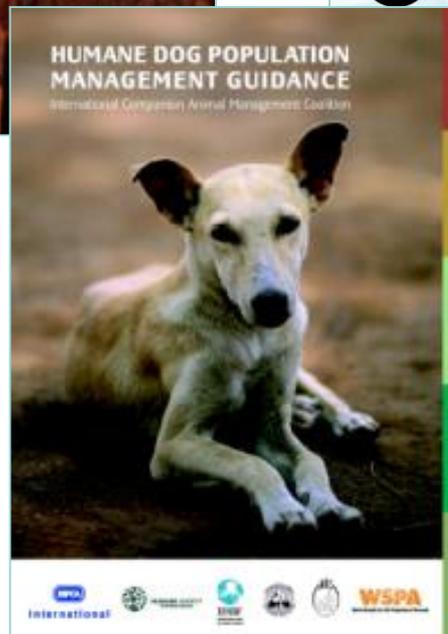
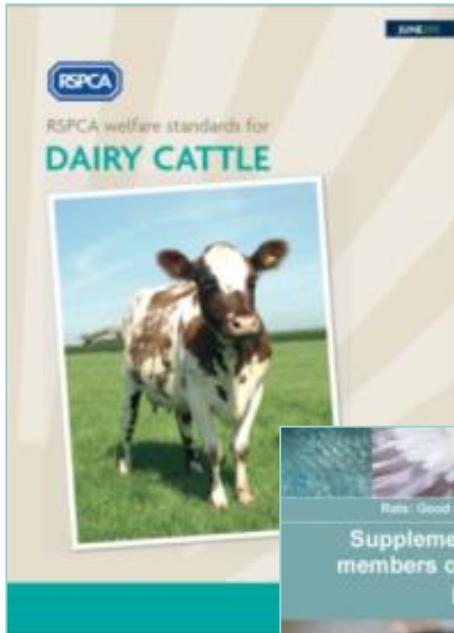
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## SCIENCE



- ◆ 40 scientific staff, 4 departments
- ◆ Campaign reports, animal welfare standards, care guidance  
<http://www.rspca.org.uk/sciencegroup/>
- ◆ Advise UK government, EU bodies

# PUBLICATIONS



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# CAMPAIGNS

Dog welfare campaigns



Labelling Matters



Circuses are no fun for animals!



End long distance live transport!



Primates as pets



Bovine tuberculosis - badger culls or better cattle controls



Fox hunting - Keep the Ban



# RSPCA ASSURANCE SCHEME



A high welfare farm assurance ...

... and food labelling scheme

Covers an animal's entire life experience: birth to slaughter

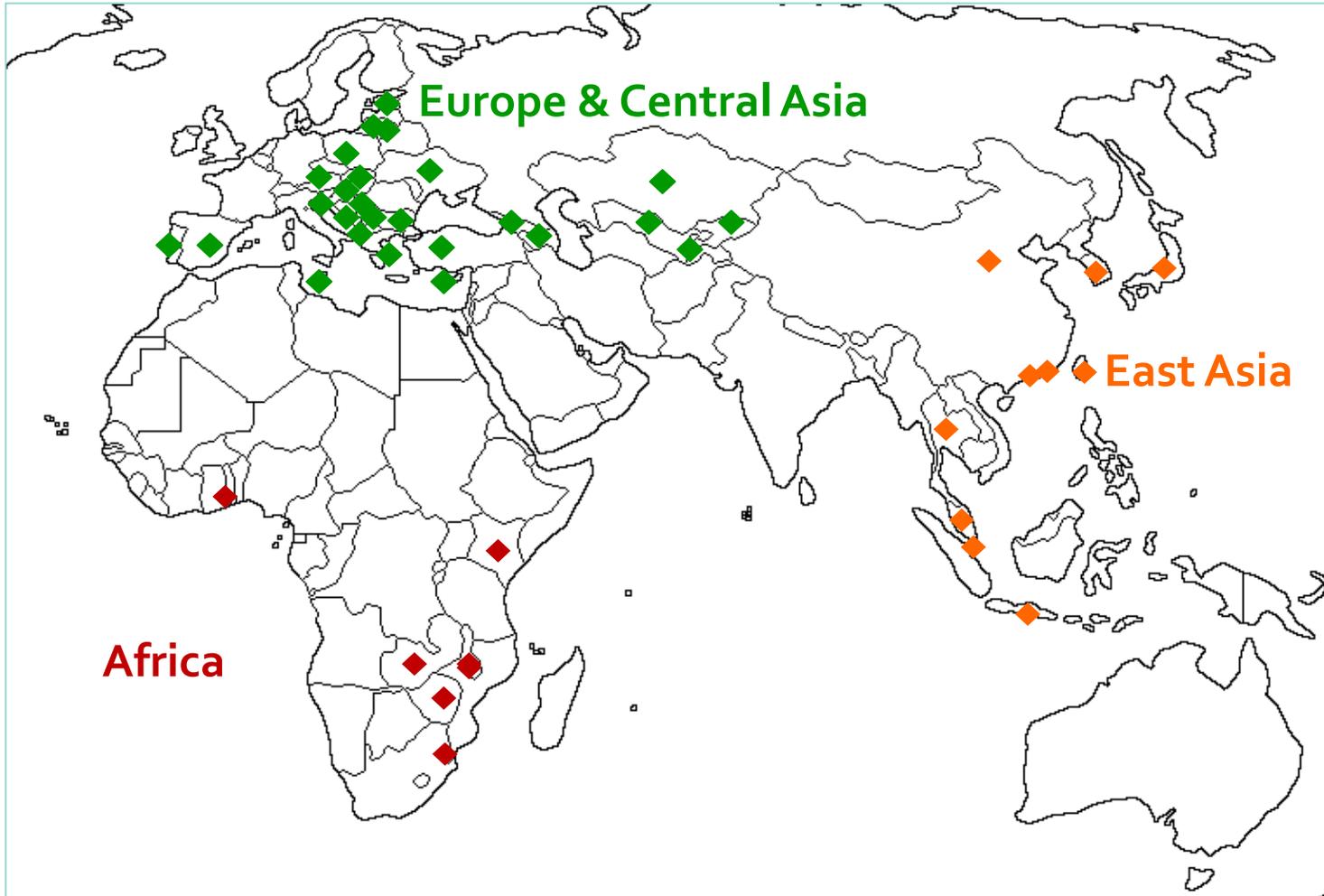
Around 3,000 members:

- farmers and producers
- hauliers
- slaughterhouses
- food manufacturers



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# RSPCA INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES 1998-2016



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# INTERNATIONAL TRAINING



- ◆ Humane dog catching and handling
- ◆ Shelter management
- ◆ Developing population management programme



# INTERNATIONAL TRAINING



## ◆ Law enforcement



## INTERNATIONAL TRAINING



### ◆ Animal welfare education



# ANIMAL WELFARE EDUCATION

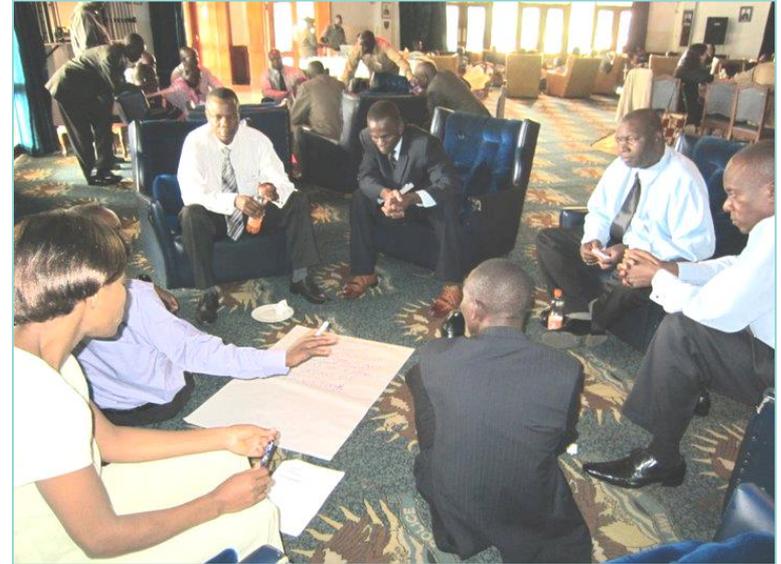


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# INTERNATIONAL TRAINING



- ◆ In 2015 RSPCA was awarded UK government grant to work on global illegal wildlife trade
- ◆ €250,000,000 project to strengthen enforcement, investigations and prosecutions of ivory poachers and traffickers in Malawi



## TRAINING IN EUROPE

- Bulgaria ‘Welfare at slaughter’
- Portugal ‘Welfare of food animals’ Train-a-Trainer programme  
2 yr programme
- 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

Collaborative TAIEX workshops in Western Balkans, Azerbaijan ,  
Turkey



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- Supporting dog stray dog control and DPM initiative, humane catching and handling workshops, shelter management workshops etc,
- Shelter management and dog handling training in: Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, FYR Macedonia, Greece, Georgia, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine
- TAIEX missions on stray dog control across the Balkans (Croatia, Serbia, Montenegro, FYROM)
- Support for dog population surveys through WBN network.



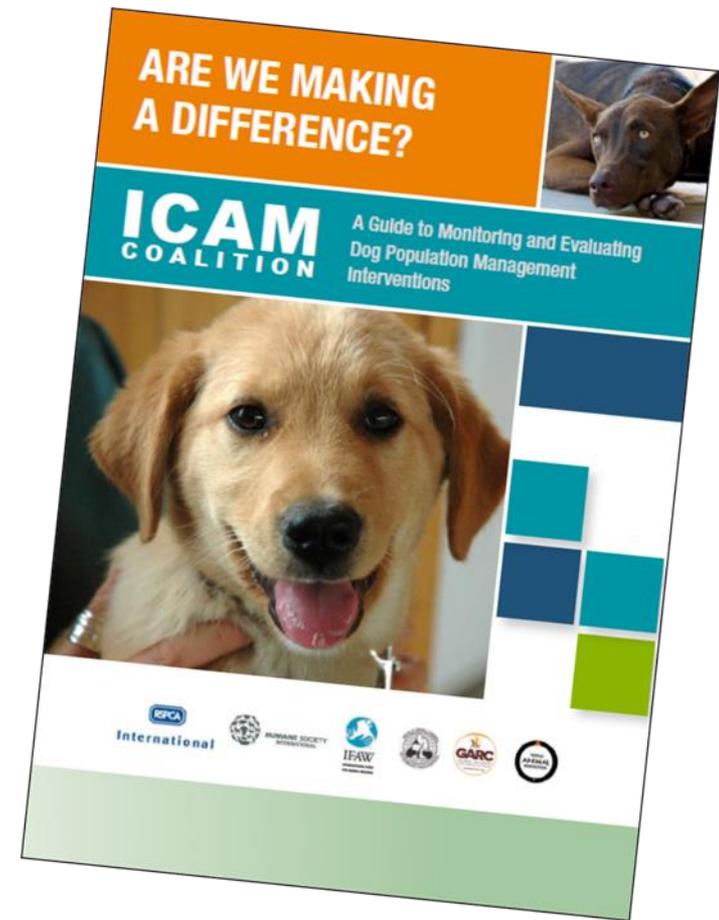
# Are we making a difference?

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Collated innovation in M&E from international field and combined with academic expertise to develop guidance

Provides detailed description of meaningful indicators and accompanying cost-effective methods of measurement, falling under 8 potential impacts

Full guidance and online tool are accessible at [www.icam-coalition.org](http://www.icam-coalition.org)



International Coalition for Animal Welfare  
ICFAW



# How to make M&E in dog control real?

Article 7.7.7 in OIE Stray Dog Control standards (chapter 7.7 Terrestrial Code) states the importance of monitoring and evaluating



Implementation of M&E is a challenge shared with the ICAM Coalition



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ICFAW



# REGIONAL ANIMAL WELFARE CENTRE –RAWC



Three regional events:

2014- Strategic development of Animal Welfare in the Western Balkan Region, Croatia

2015- Vision for the future of Animal welfare in the Balkans , Croatia

2017-Focus on the implementation of the EC 1099/2009 Slaughter Regulation, Slovenia

Four Steering Committee meetings per year





RSPCA SUPPORTS the activities of the OIE Platform on AW for Europe

Launched in 8 Countries of the region (Albania, Bosnia&Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Bulgaria, Serbia, Macedonia and Montenegro);



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# RSPCA AND FAO: 2014 REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON WELFARE AT SLAUGHTER



International



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations



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# FAO-RSPCA 2<sup>ND</sup> REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON WELFARE AT SLAUGHTER FOR GEORGIA, MOLDOVA, UKRAINE AND ARMENIA IN TBILISI, GEORGIA 2017



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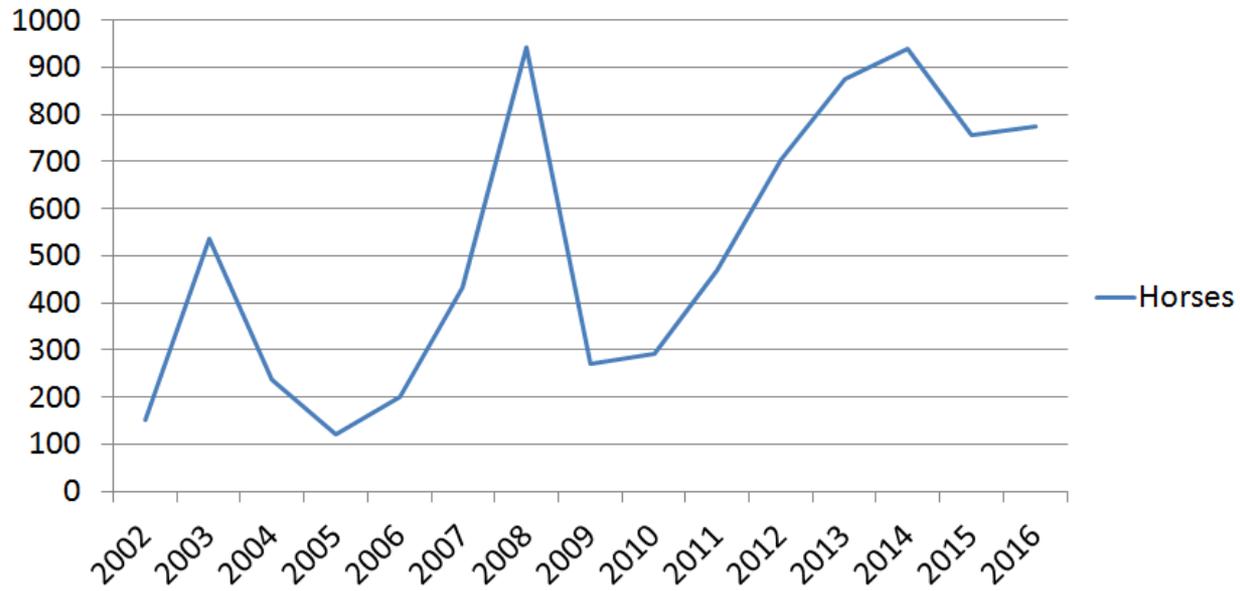
RSPCA working with other partners, local authorities, and the equine industry to tackle the problem of fly grazing and horse abandonment.

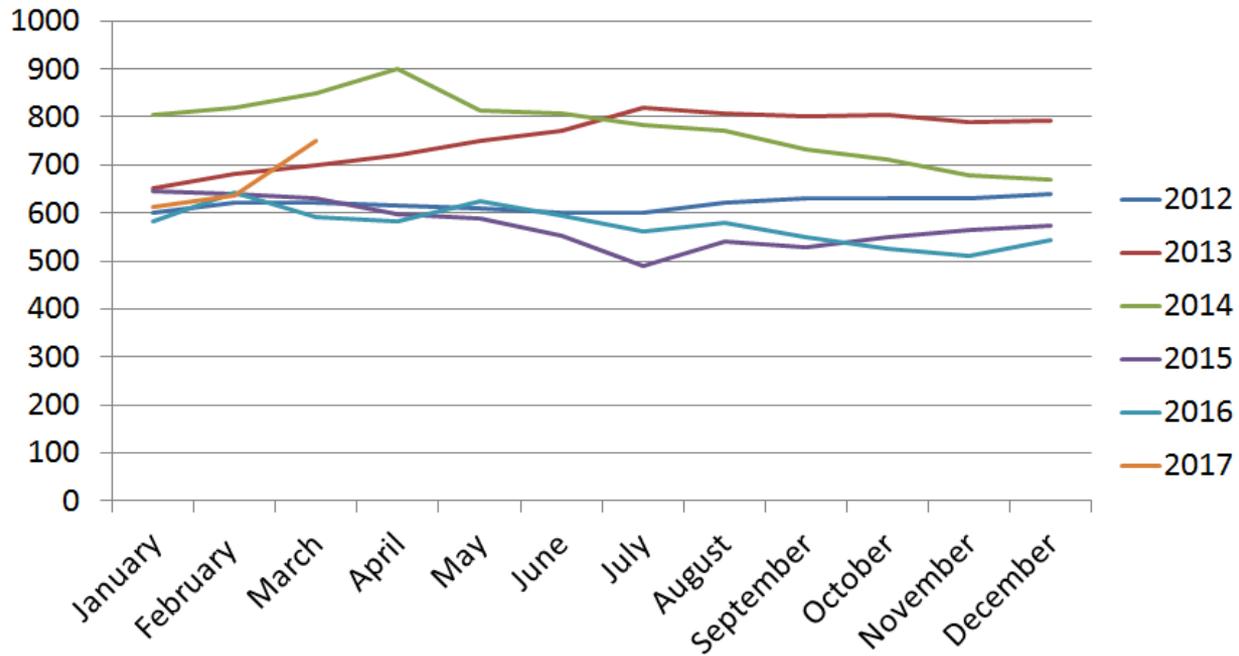
The hire ID system as to be better enforced and the central Equine database is to be established as 70% of the horses picked up are not identified.

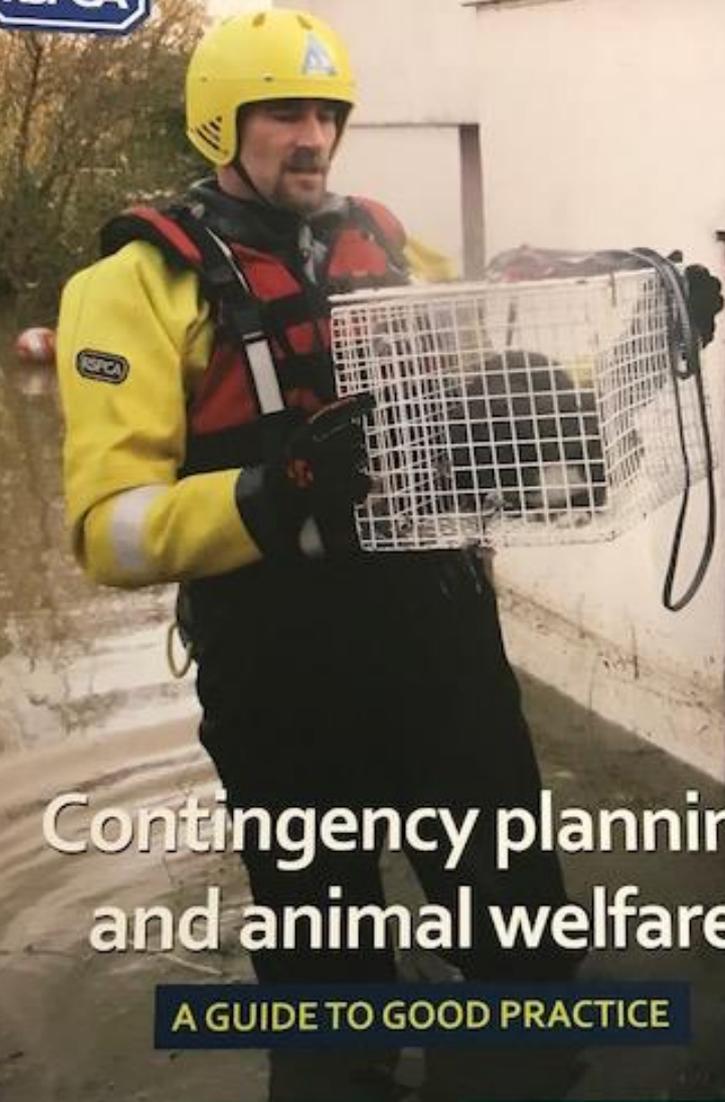
Works is being carried out with the traveller communities and dealers to encourage improvements and fly grazing.



## Horses







# Contingency planning and animal welfare

A GUIDE TO GOOD PRACTICE



released in the second week of September.

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**ABOVE:** International aid officer Coralie Farren and wildlife assistant Cori Smith wash oiled birds after Panamanian freighter MS Full City grounded in Norway.

## 'Effects of oil on wildlife' conference

In 2009 three places were made available for external participants to attend the RSPCA's long-running oiled-wildlife training. Two wildlife vets from Norway and Germany and a wildlife assistant from Norway joined RSPCA staff to learn how oil spills affect animals, methods of oiled-wildlife collection and how to administer first aid to casualties. By sharing the RSPCA's expertise we hope to help other European responders become better prepared to deal with incidents in their own countries.

## 'EMPOWER'

In 2009 the RSPCA helped to set up EMPOWER – the European Management Programme for Oiled Wildlife and other Emergency Responses. EMPOWER is an initiative led by the Sea Alarm Foundation that will develop and support the implementation of policies and activities that promote professional preparedness to marine wildlife emergency responses in all European coastal countries.

It encourages NGOs, the scientific community and the oil and maritime industries to work together on important policy issues. Members can also benefit from national and regional training events and gain access to the latest information in

## International disaster response

### Oil spills

- Responded to south Africa oil spill and 2009 Norway spill
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### Floods in Central and East Europe