

4th regional Workshop on Dog Population Management for West Eurasia countries (SDWE4)

Mayhew's commitment to improve dog welfare in West

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Background



Kabul clinic



Tbilisi Clinic

Mayhew is a registered charity in England & Wales, with a facility in London.

Mayhew was registered as an NGO in Afghanistan in 2016 and in Georgia 2018.

Our approach overseas is to work with national, local government and other stakeholders to address issues around roaming dog and cat populations, disease control, and provide veterinary training to proactively deliver programmes in a more humane and effective way.

Our approach in Afghanistan:

- Mass canine rabies vaccination programme

- Pre Jan 2017 Kabul authorities used strychnine poisoning to kill roaming dogs, ca 20 000/per year, spent USD millions on PEP with zero impact on rabies cases or dog population.

- Mayhew Afghanistan negotiated cessation of culling programme from January 2017 and developed a strategy for rabies elimination and dog population management with the government

- Last recorded confirmed case of rabies in dogs in Kabul – April 2021
- Last recorded human case in Kabul end





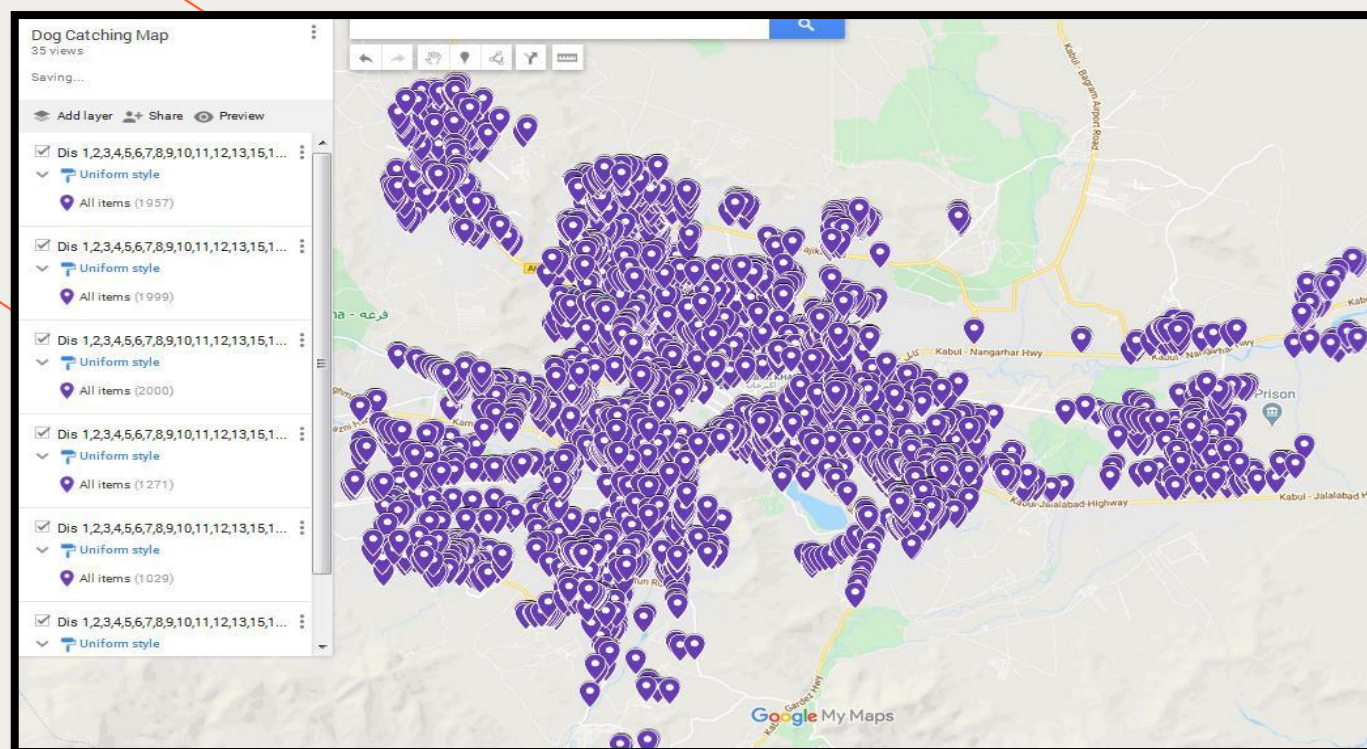
- Dog population management
 - Started July 2019
 - Annual sight surveys
 - 2022 69% dogs neutered.
 - Neutering ca. 10 000 dogs per year
 - 40 000 dogs September 23.





Kabul Model Monitoring & Evaluation Data

Mass Canine Rabies Vaccination Programme in 16 districts of Kabul			
Cycle	Dates	Dogs vaccinated	% of dog population
1	6 August 2017 – 11 December 2018	24 420	78%
2	12 December 2018 – 24 November 2019	26 540	79%
3	25 November 2019 – 30 April 2021	21 927	75%
4	1 May 2021 – 30 September 2022	23 762	76%
	Total	95 649	





Vet training and capacity building

- practical training for students at Kabul University Vet Faculty
- Volunteer placements for qualified vets
- Ministry of Agriculture vet secondments





Georgia: what are the issues to be addressed?



- Unregulated roaming dog populations & the concerns: poor welfare, disease, noise pollution, unwanted litters, dog bites, sick and injured animals on the streets.
- Disease control (zoonoses & common canine infectious diseases, vector-borne diseases).
- Lack of small animal veterinary capacity & competencies – particularly in the regions.
- Legislation/regulation/awareness around pet ownership/breeding and trade in pets





Veterinary training & standards



- Provision of DPM services requires a range of skilled professionals
- Organisations can travel to deliver DPM services, but they must also help build local capacity to have lasting impact. This ensures that DPM becomes a regular community service to maintain a healthy, safe and wanted dog population.



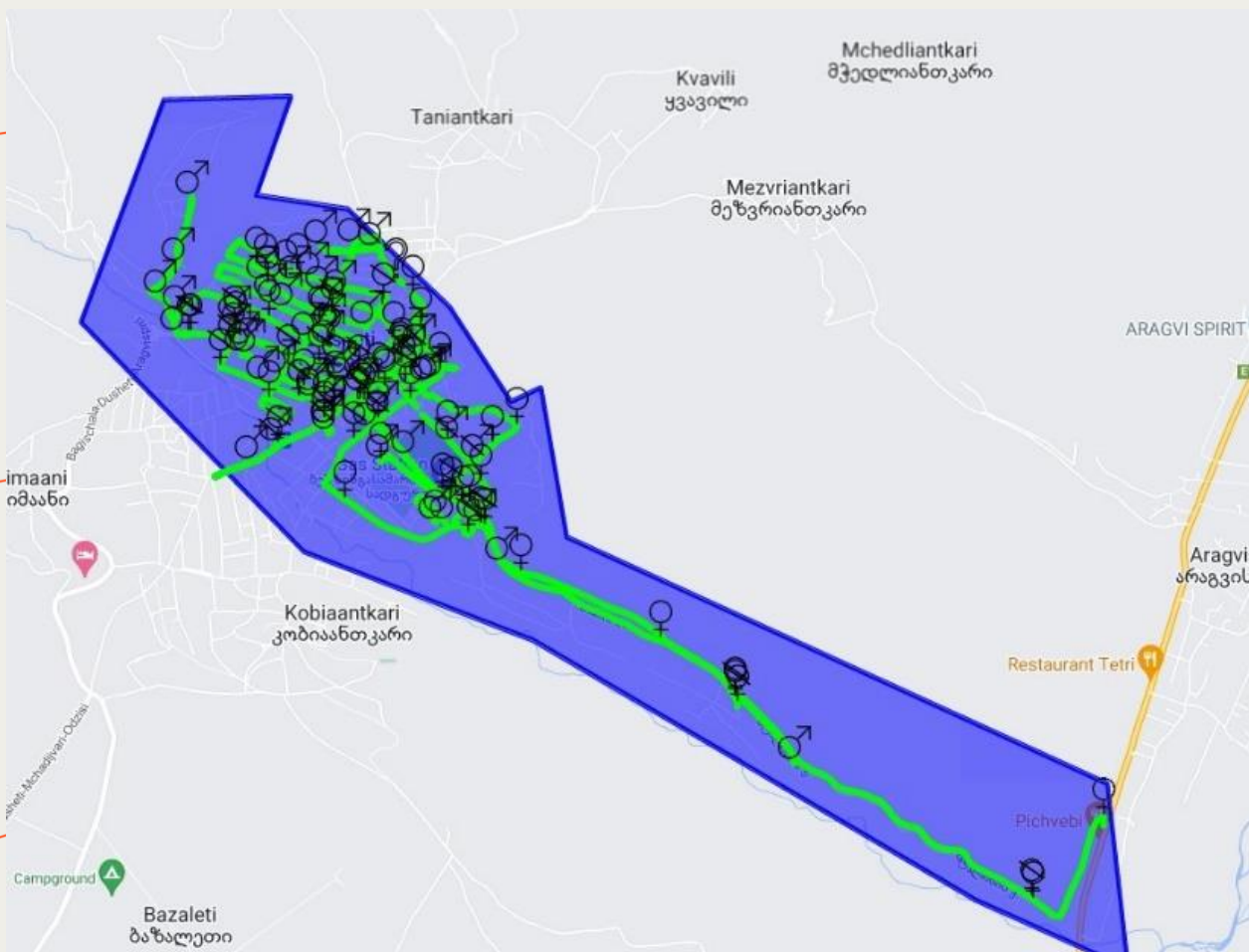
Data gathering



- How many dogs are there?
- What are peoples' attitudes to addressing the issue?
- What resources & capacity are there to address this issue?
 - Infrastructure
 - Qualified personnel & capacity
 - Finances



Dog surveys – mobile apps



How can we find out how many dogs there are?

- demographic (sex, neutered, not neutered)
- welfare (body condition, skin condition)
- ownership (id, collar, tag)



Tbilisi Dog Survey
Dogs sighted up until 28 August 2023
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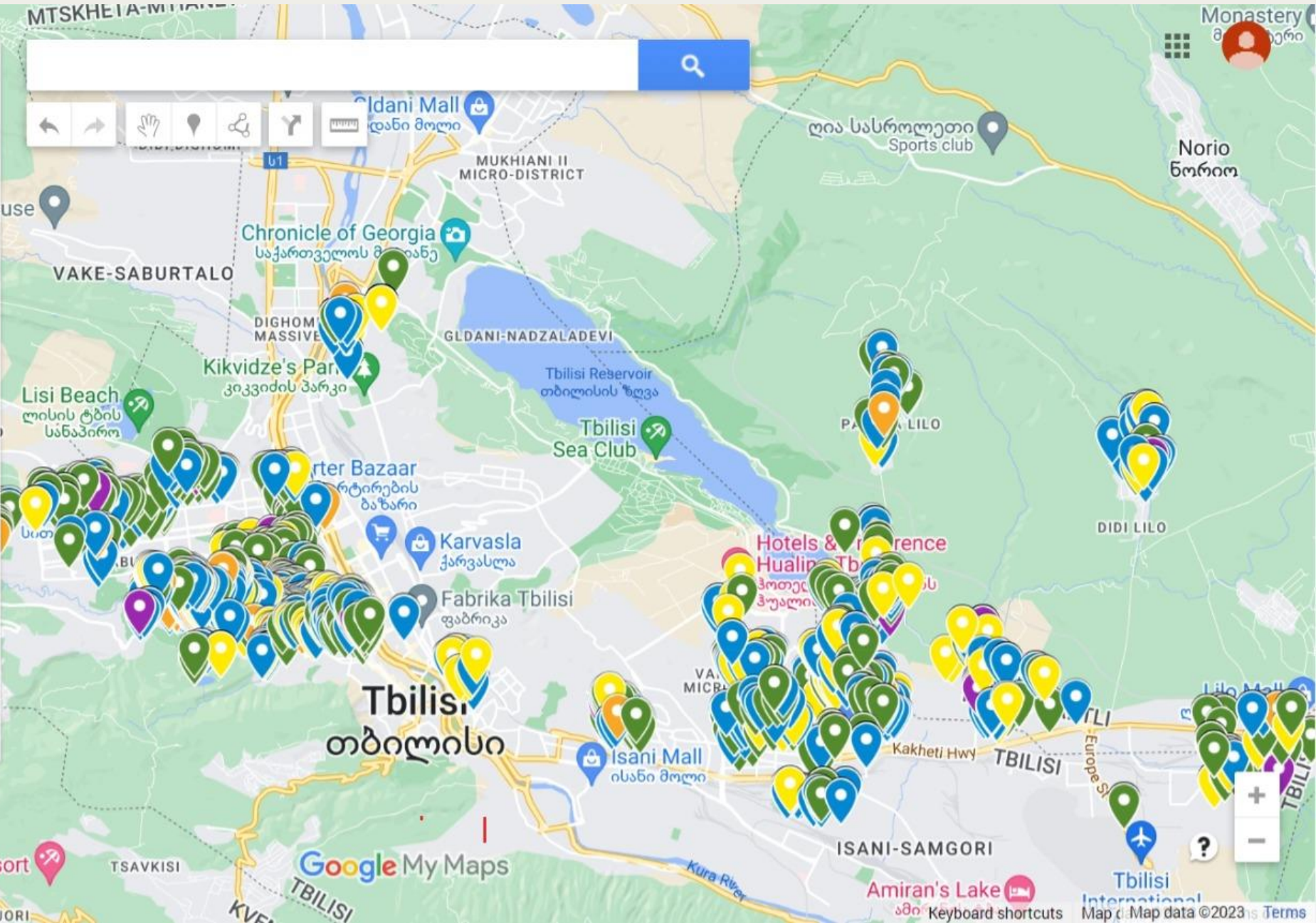
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Tbilisi Dog Survey Form2.csv
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- 📍 puppy (19)
- 📍 female_lact_adult (6)
- 📍 unknown_adult (3)

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Community Engagement/Awareness raising



მალეების კვლევის კითხვარი

მიჰიუ საქართველო ატარებს კვლევას მალეების მიმართ დამოკიდებულების შესახებ XXXXXX, რათა განავითაროს დახმარების პროგრამა, რომ გაუმჯობესდეს ჯანმრთელობა და კეთილდღეობა რეგიონში უმეტესადაა უმეტესადაა დარჩენილი მალეების.

1. ბევრი მალეა თქვენს სამუშაოებში უმეტესადაა დარჩენილი?

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2. თქვენი აზრით, რა დამოკიდებულება აქვთ ხალხს XXXX უმეტესადაა დარჩენილი მალეებისადმი?

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 არ ზრუნავენ მათზე
 სხვა

3. ქუჩის მალეებთან დაკავშირებით რა გაწუხებთ?

ხმაური
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 სამიშროება სხვა ცხოველებისადმი.
 შარდი და ფეკალიები
 ნაგვის ქექვა
 ადამიანი და დასახიჩრებული მალეების და ლეკვების ყურება.

4. თქვენი აზრით რით განსხვავდება პატრონიანი და ქუჩის მალეები?

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 არანაირი სხვაობა.
 არ ვიცი.

5. რა მდგომარეობაში არიან თქვენი უბნის უმეტესადაა დარჩენილი მალეები?

ჯანმრთელები.
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 ავადმყოფურად გამოიყურებიან.

- Workshops with local CSOs, business, local government
- Focus groups
- Residents' surveys



Mobile/pop-up/temporary clinics

- Access to small animal veterinary care in the regions of Georgia is limited.
- Mobile/pop-up clinics can deliver services in situ.
- **Catch/Trap Vaccinate Neuter Return (C/TVNR)**: capturing the dogs, short transport to a clinic facility/pop-up for surgery, vaccination, parasite control and permanent identification, period of recovery and release back to where caught.



Stationary clinics – Dog population management centres

- Longer term, local veterinary infrastructure is required for the general health and welfare of animals. Building up and incorporating local veterinary capacity to provide DPM services together with authorities/NGOs, as well as general veterinary care is preferable.
- Can function as training centres.



Challenges



- Veterinary knowledge & standards
- Limitations on veterinary drugs & supplies
- Understanding of humane handling & restraint and dog behaviour.
- Human behaviour change
- Bureaucracy & motivation



Successes in Afghanistan & Georgia



- Established relationships with local and national governments
- Established relations with veterinary training establishments
- First data on dog populations
- Trained 80+ vet/assistants/dog handlers/catchers – local teams
- In Kabul – nearly 30 months with no recorded rabies in dogs, more than 30 months with no recorded human deaths from rabies
- In Kabul min. 69% of roaming dog population neutered Sep 22
- In some regional towns in Georgia reaching more than 75% dogs neutered.



Thank you

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