

Veterinary Foundation Poland (VFP) experience in Eastern Europe and Central Asia



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WHY WE ARE HERE?????





A LITTLE PIECE OF HISTORY

how everything began

2011 – **MOPSIK** – first mobile, fully equiped surgery vehicle in Poland





3626 dogs and cats spayed/neutered



Robert Szymański



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THE PETITION

In 2017 we found the online petition

1420 people signed the electronic petition
but **NOTHING HAS CHANGED!!!**

Start cooperation with Kyrgyz National Veterinary Chamber

care2 PETITIONS

Stop the Shooting of 10,000 Dogs in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

by: Care2.com

recipient: President of Kyrgyz Roza Otunbayeva

1,420 SUPPORTERS

2,000 GOAL

Officials in the capital of Kyrgyzstan say that due to budget constraints, they are being forced into killing an estimated 10,000 dogs, rather than build shelters for them.

A spokesperson said that the dogs are being killed in the early morning and in the evening by a team of 10 shooters and dog catchers.

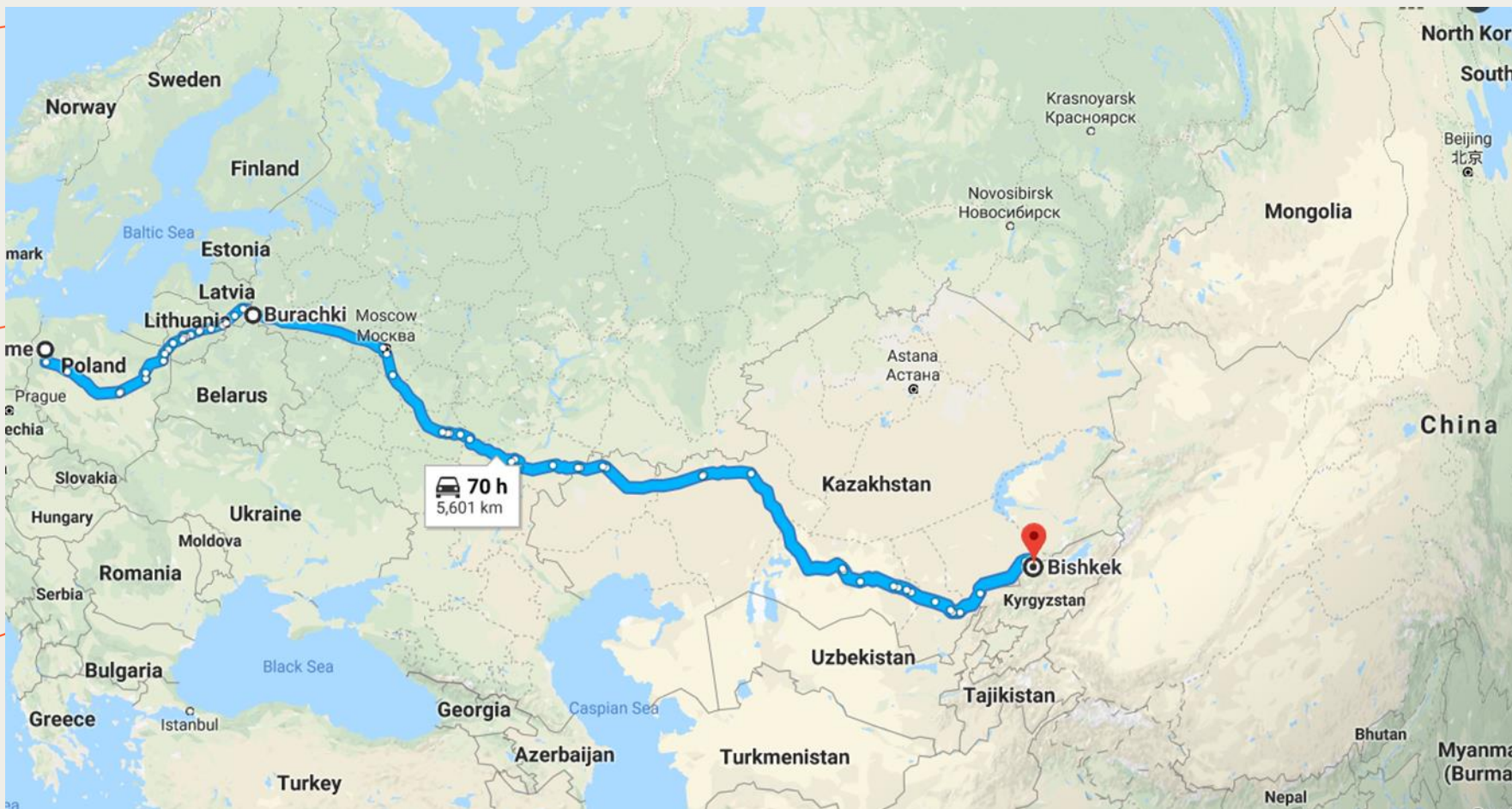
Please let President Roza Otunbayeva, president of Kyrgyzstan know that this action of shooting 10,000 dogs is barbaric and there are other ways to prevent the massive killings. There are many programs; spay neuter programs and building shelters for the dogs.



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In June 2018 we drove to Kyrgyzstan by cars to train veterinarians. We had also veterinary materials and equipment for donation for Kyrgyz vets



SOME FACTS FROM THE JOURNEY:

- distance - 14,200 km
- Trainings conducted in locations:
 - Daroot Korgon, Chon-Alai (main activities)
 - Sokuluk



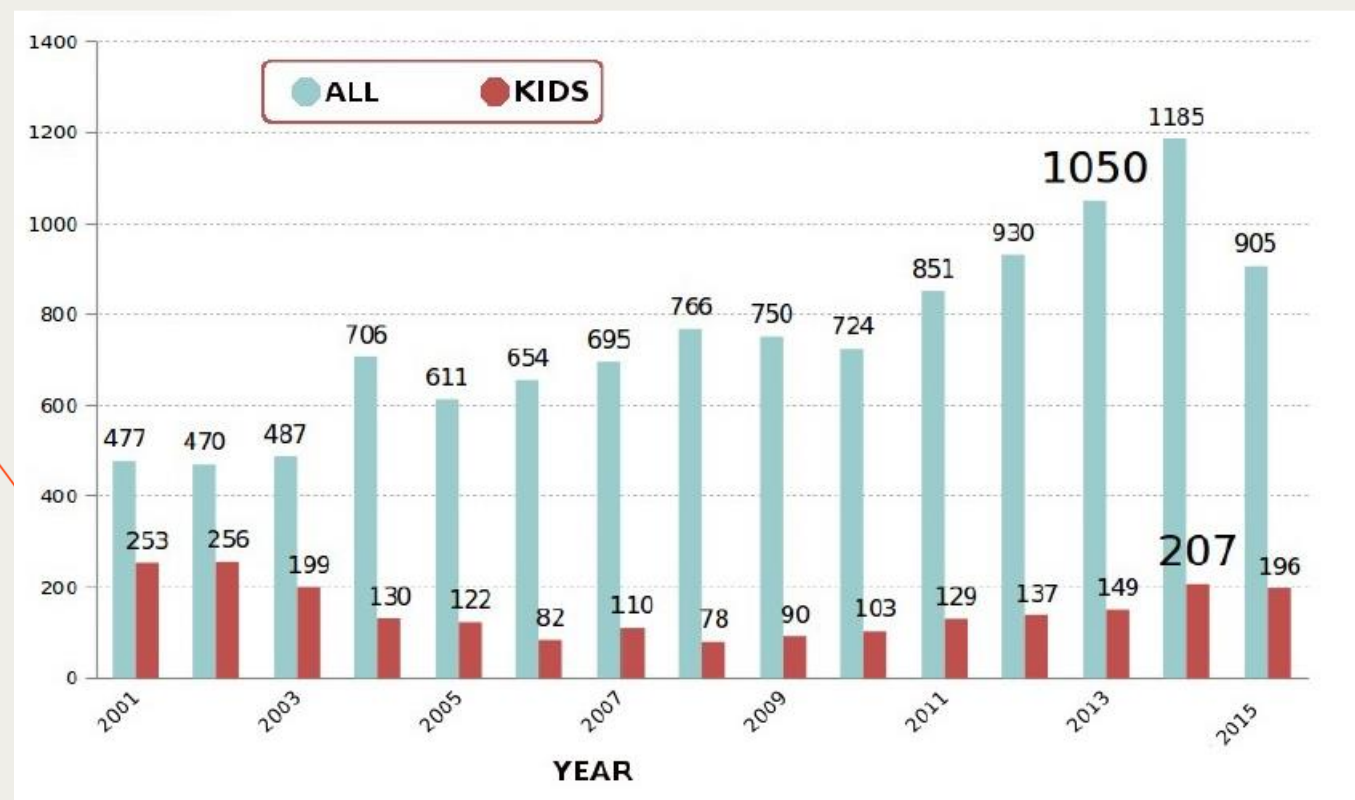
CHANGE of our understanding the situation

We took part in a symposium “Role of Stray Dogs in the Spreading of Echinococcosis in Human Population.”



We were honoured to meet the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Industry and Melioration of the Kyrgyz Republic– Mr. Nurbek Murashev

Echinococcosis and alveococcosis – important epidemiological threat





19 February 2019 REGISTRATION of the FOUNDATION



The Foundation is focus on human and animal health protection through the provision of financial, in-kind and organizational aid in Poland and abroad and through activities to promote human and animal health, animal rights and to provide medical, veterinary and ecological education worldwide.

**One Health approach— humans, animals, and the world we live
in
are inseparably linked**



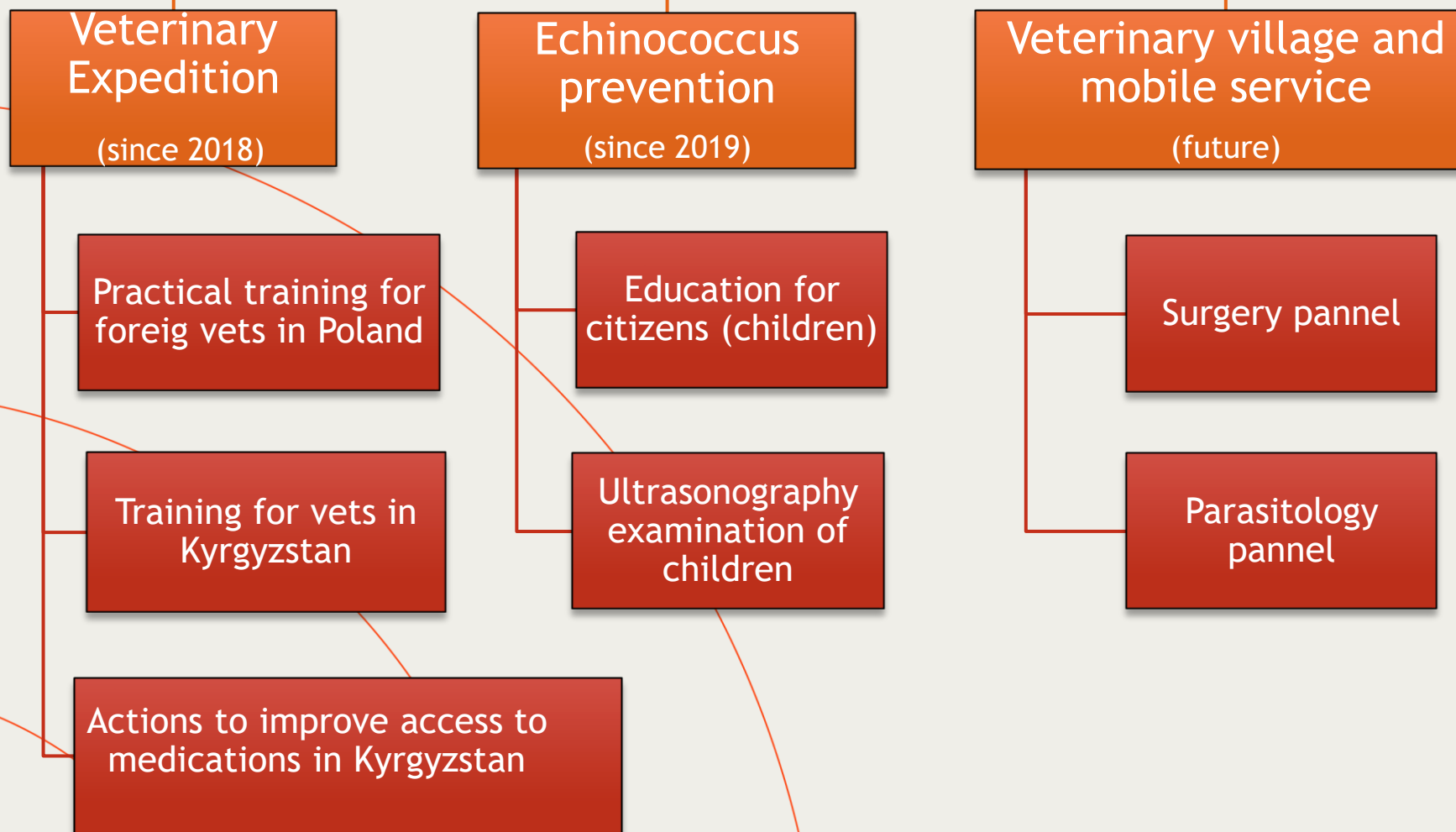
Since 2019 we we have expanded our activity for:

- ✓ parasitology prevention in humans:
 - screening liver ultrasonography at primary schools
 - education bags

- ✓ general parasitology training for veterinarians



OUR PROJECTS









Our standards of working:

1. Safety of people participating in the project - education, vaccinations, protective measures
2. Work with respect for local law, culture and religion
3. Activation of local human resources to run projects and further maintaining them - educate and encourage for further transfer of knowledge. Promoting cascading transfer of skills
4. Improving animal welfare, taking into account the impact of animal health on human health
5. Epidemiological education of the local community, activities to promote people's health
6. Ecological education - balance in ecosystems: shepherd dog and guard dog contra wolf; cats contra rodent population



UKRAINE



We started our support for Ukraine in 2019 when we performed first training on dog spay and neuter at the Veterinary Faculty at the University in Poltava.





When the war started in 2022, we adopted our support activity for the new situation. We donated power generator and 33 pellets of medical devices for veterinary clinics.

In May 2023 we donated our mobile spay/neuter clinic for UPAW Foundation to do the surgery in Ukraine. They implemented the project Safety Country – they spay/neuter dogs and cats and vaccinate them against rabies. We promote also to mark dogs by earrings.



В рамках проекту
UPAW "БЕЗПЕЧНА КРАЇНА"

вакцинуємо, стерилізуємо, ідентифікуємо тварин

ESCCAP UA     

"з турботою про життя"

The risk of rabies is increasing, many dogs lost his parents, lost homes. They became stray dogs

Dog population management and rabies prevention ad the now critical needs fro UKRAINE



ONE HEALTH – by treating and managing dog population we protect human life and health

What earring can says us about the dog?

if the detailed plan is implemented the following information can be obtained ~~about the dog status~~
spayed/neutered

when spayed/neutered was done

vaccinated against rabies

year of vaccination

age – not younger than ...



- **CHALLENGES/MISSING POINT – from our perspective:**

1. Safety of people participating in the project – we observe that this area is often underestimated and neglected, people who work with stray dogs are not properly protected
2. **Activation of local human resources – only projects which activate local community could be efficient!**
3. Starting project with detailed assessment of the complex situation in the chosen region, looking at the problem to be solved WIDELY, from each site. The diagnosis has to be performed deeply
4. Assuring the proper level of surgery – disinfection (surgical cleanliness), good quality of materials (sutures) and pain management
5. Recognizing the dog management as a population program, not individual
6. Access to safe, cheap, easy to use anaesthetic drugs (as ketamine)
7. COOPERATION between HUMAN and VETERINARY environment together with ADMINISTRATION and EDUCATION! **Only if we cooperate we can solve the problem!**



Thank you

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