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I. Understanding the country's situation with unsupervised dogs

In order to control the number of stray dogs, as well as to perform the functions of detection and prevention of infectious diseases, <<Animal Care Center>> ONCO was established in February 2019 at Yerevan City Hall, new name "Animal Care Center" ONCO.

The organization captures, numbers, maps, vaccinates against rabies, deworms, sterilizes and releases dogs into the wild. Some zoonotic diseases are also checked and appropriate measures are taken to eliminate them.

I would like to note that the above-mentioned anti-epizootic measures are also carried out in 8 regions of Armenia. But still the problems with the population of stray dogs and bite cases remain worrying.



II. Control measures

In 2022-2023, 4231 stray dogs were caught by the Animal Care Center in Yerevan city and vaccinated against rabies, of which 3086 were sterilized.



In 8 regions of Armenia in 2022-2023, 6364 stray dogs were captured and sterilized under contract, of which 1287 were vaccinated against rabies.

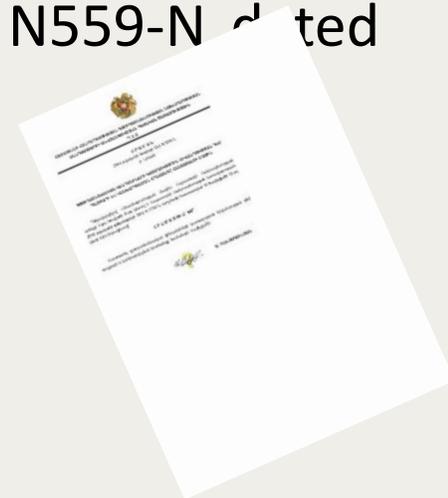


III. Monitoring and evaluation

There is no monitoring and evaluation of unsupervised dogs in our country.

For each case of bite and rabies detection by the Food Safety Inspection Authority of the Republic of Armenia, surveillance is conducted and each case is reported to the OIE.

There is an "Instruction on the control and prevention of animal rabies" (Order of the Head of GSBPP of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Armenia N559-N dated 12.06.2014).





IV. Epizootic situation on rabies

Problems with stray dog populations and bite incidents remain a concern.

The number of bites among children has increased. In 2022, 3 rabies cases were detected and in 2023 - 8.

To control the number of stray dogs, the creation of kennels in Yerevan city and in the regions of the Republic of Armenia is discussed.



V. Key actions of the country roadmap

Establishment of a National Strategy for the prevention, control and eradication of rabies in the country.

Performing stray dog population control, rabies prevention and eradication nationwide.

Raising awareness among the public, including pupils, about rabies disease and rabies control measures.

V. Successful stories

From September 11 to September 22, 2023, the Food Safety Inspection Authority of the Republic of Armenia together with medical specialists conducted information campaigns on rabies disease and rabies control measures in the schools of the capital and in the regions of the country



By raising awareness of rabies disease and rabies control measures, it is possible to reduce the risk of rabies infection in the population.



Thanks!

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