

# Regional Workshop on Dog Population Management for Balkan Countries

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# Modern Handling and Capture Tools and Techniques



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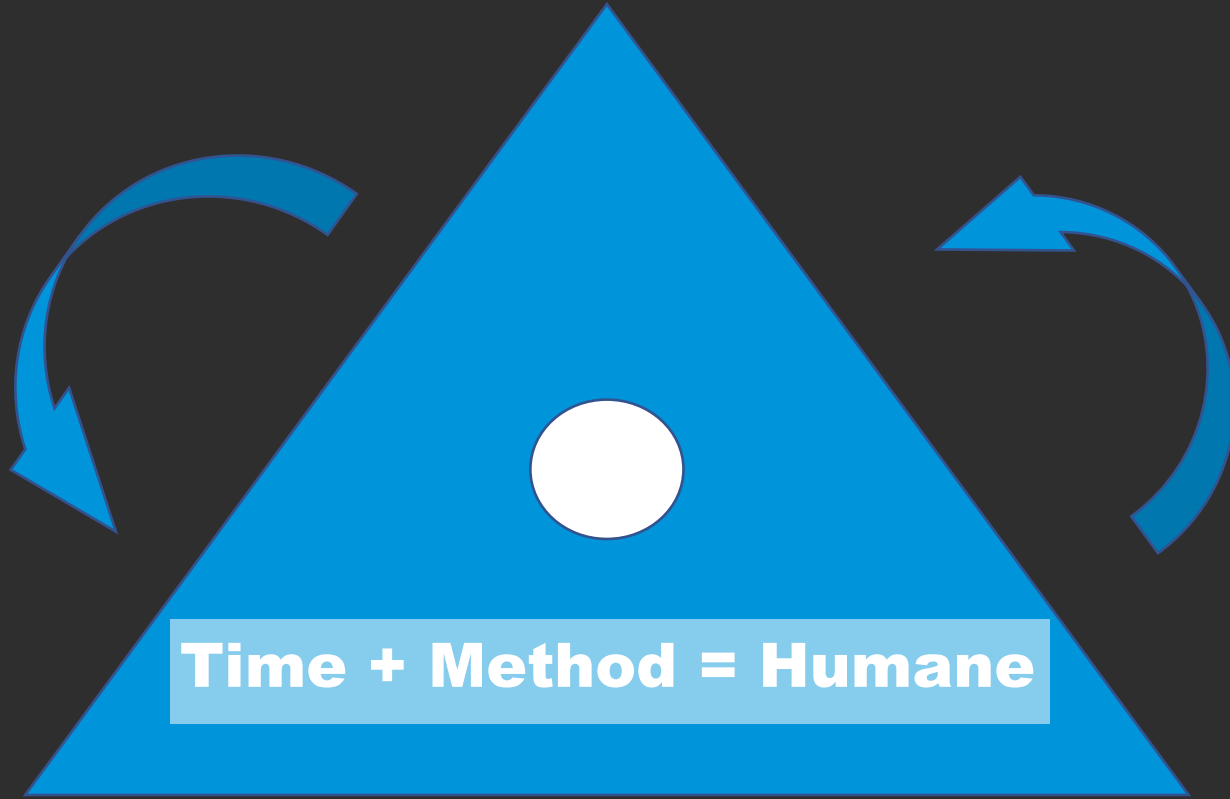
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# Session Summary

- Safety
- Capture Tools
- Capture Strategies
- Logistical Considerations
- Conclusions
- Questions

**SAFE**



**Time + Method = Humane**

**EFFECTIVE**

**HUMANE**

**Safety**

- **Staff Safety**
  - **Adequate vehicles**
  - **Safety tools**
    - **Aggressive dog tools**
    - **Handling gloves**
- **Public Safety**
  - **Safety from traps, vehicle collisions, chemical capture, other interventions**
- **Animal Safety**
  - **Correct use of traps, tools, and drugs**
  - **Basic comfort after capture**
    - **Trap covers**
    - **Cage and trap bedding**
    - **Environmental controls**



# Capture Tools



# CAPTURE TOOL CATEGORIES:

- Hand Capture
- Net Capture
- Humane Live Traps
- Community Capture
- Advanced Capture
  - Chemical Capture
  - High-tech Capture

# HAND CAPTURE TECHNIQUES: MINIMALLY INVASIVE



Leash Capture



Cage Load/Capture

# HAND CAPTURE TECHNIQUES: MINIMALLY INVASIVE



**Standard Lift and Carry**



**Safe-Hug Hold and Carry**



**Handling Gloves**



**Y Pole**



**Snappy Snare**



**Professional Leash**

# HAND CAPTURE TECHNIQUES: INVASIVE



**Leash Pole**



**Control Pole**

# NET CAPTURE



# HUMANE LIVE TRAPS

- Relies upon passive capture
- Requires comprehensive understanding of target species
- Bait, placement, trap size and trap shape are all subjective to individual animals
- Relatively “quiet” method of capture
- Built in housing and transport
- High up-front cost
- Requires 1 trap per animal per area





# Gravity Doors

**Trap Door**



**Bite Plate**



**Back Door**



**Trip Plate**











# Restraint Modules



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## **Restraint Module Use**

**Moving dogs using  
visual appeal.**







# Leash Pole

A person wearing a grey hoodie, brown cargo pants, and a black glove is standing on a stone ledge. They are holding a silver leash pole in their right hand, which is attached to a brown dog's collar. The dog is sitting and looking towards the person. The background shows a scenic view of a town and hills under a clear blue sky.

- **An excellent bridge between the Control Pole and Leash**

# Leash Pole Use

# Advanced Capture Tools



**Colony Trap/Group Trap/Missy Trap**



**Commonly used on feral pigs and dogs –  
can be used for cats with good plan and  
protocols**





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# Chemical Capture









Processing an immobilized dog.



A dog injected with 1.2cc Ketamine and 1.7cc Xylazine

# CAMERA TRAPS

- Can be motion or laser activated
- Record video or photos
- Can stream live
- Can provide immediate updates
- Force multiplier
- High cost
- Regulatory issues (sim cards)
- Cellular connectivity
- Image processing



# DROP NETS



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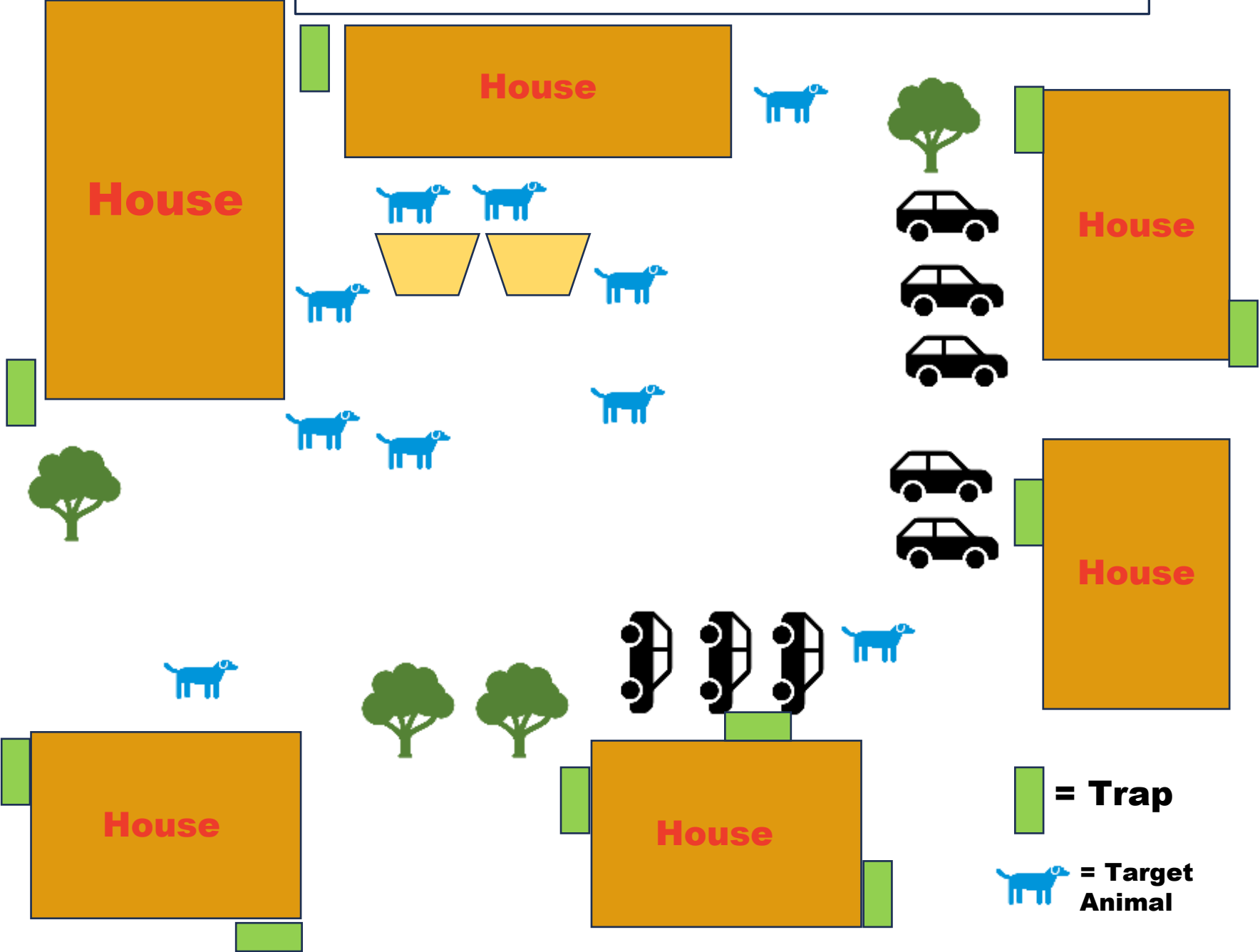
# Capture Strategies

# CAPTURE AREA ASSESSMENTS

- Population level surveys and counts help inform capture strategies
- Each capture area must be assessed to determine appropriate tools, tool quantity, techniques and strategies
- Community engagement by capture teams is vital. Tell people what you're doing, why, how, when, what it looks like, and how they can help



Trapping Strategy Sample



= Trap

= Target Animal

**Netting Strategy Sample**



**Target Dog**



**Have Nets**



**House**

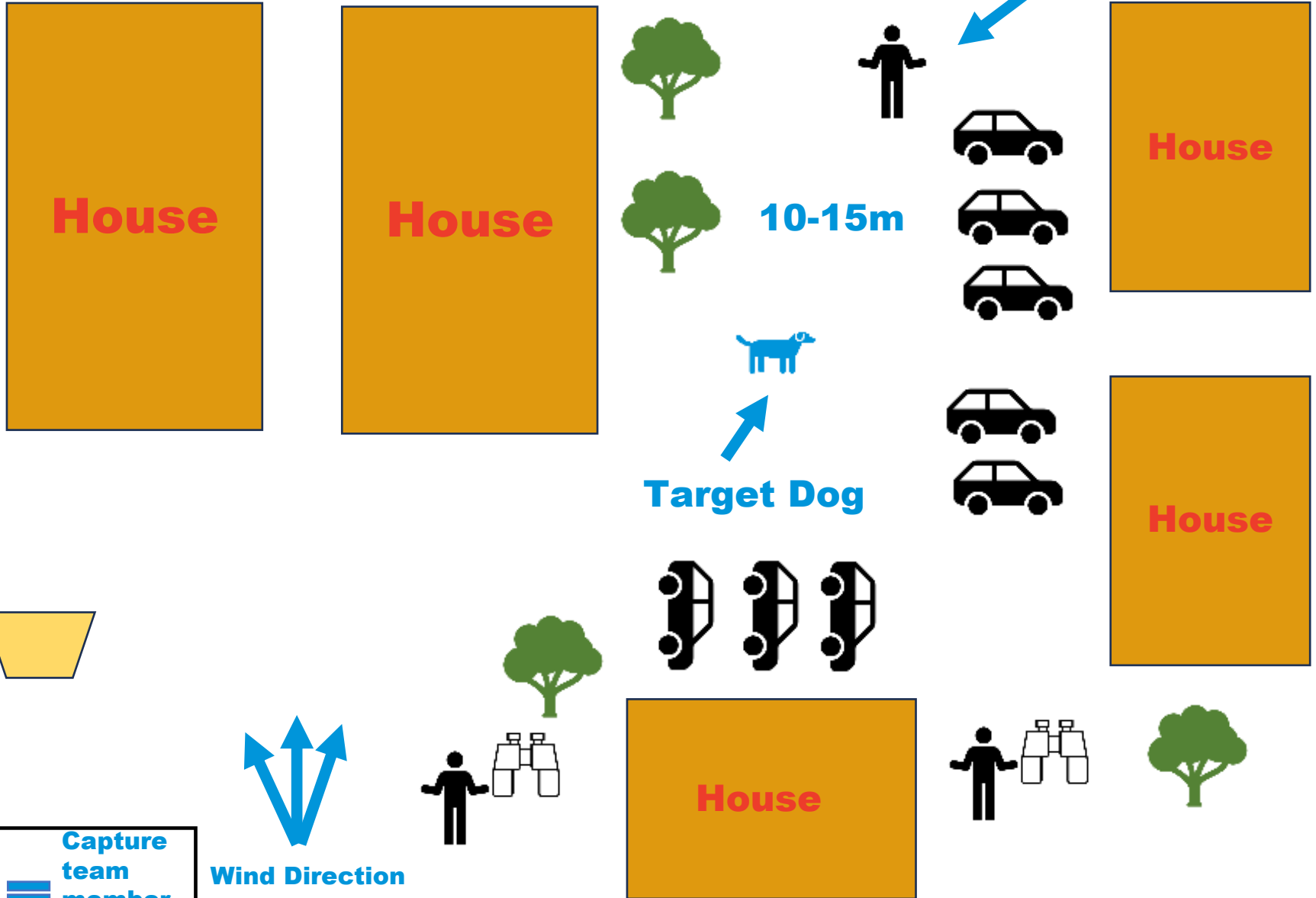


**Capture Team Member**



# Chemical Capture Strategy

Darter



House

House

10-15m

House

House

Target Dog

House

Capture team member

Wind Direction

# LOGISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Quality, sizable, durable,  
4x4 vehicles are needed  
for most capture  
programs.





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# CONCLUSIONS

**QUESTIONS**



# Thank You!



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