



The NGOs' role in guiding and supporting government strategies for DPM and the control of free roaming dogs

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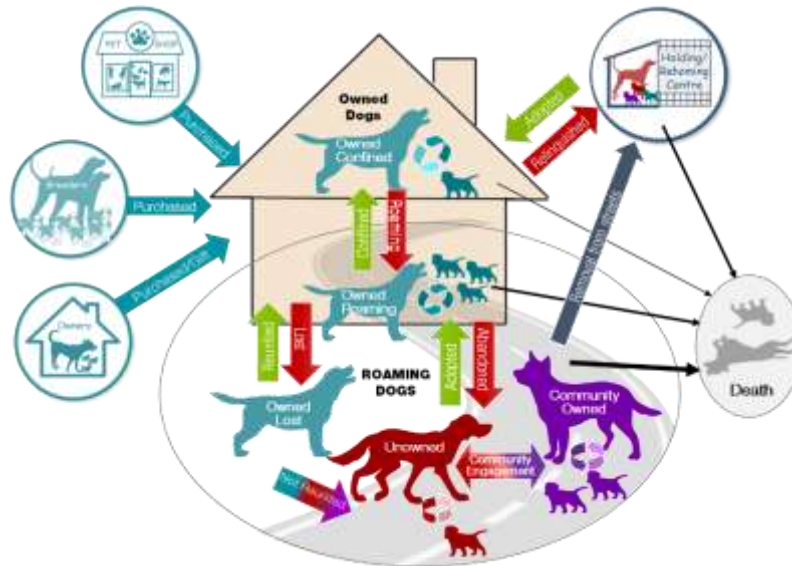
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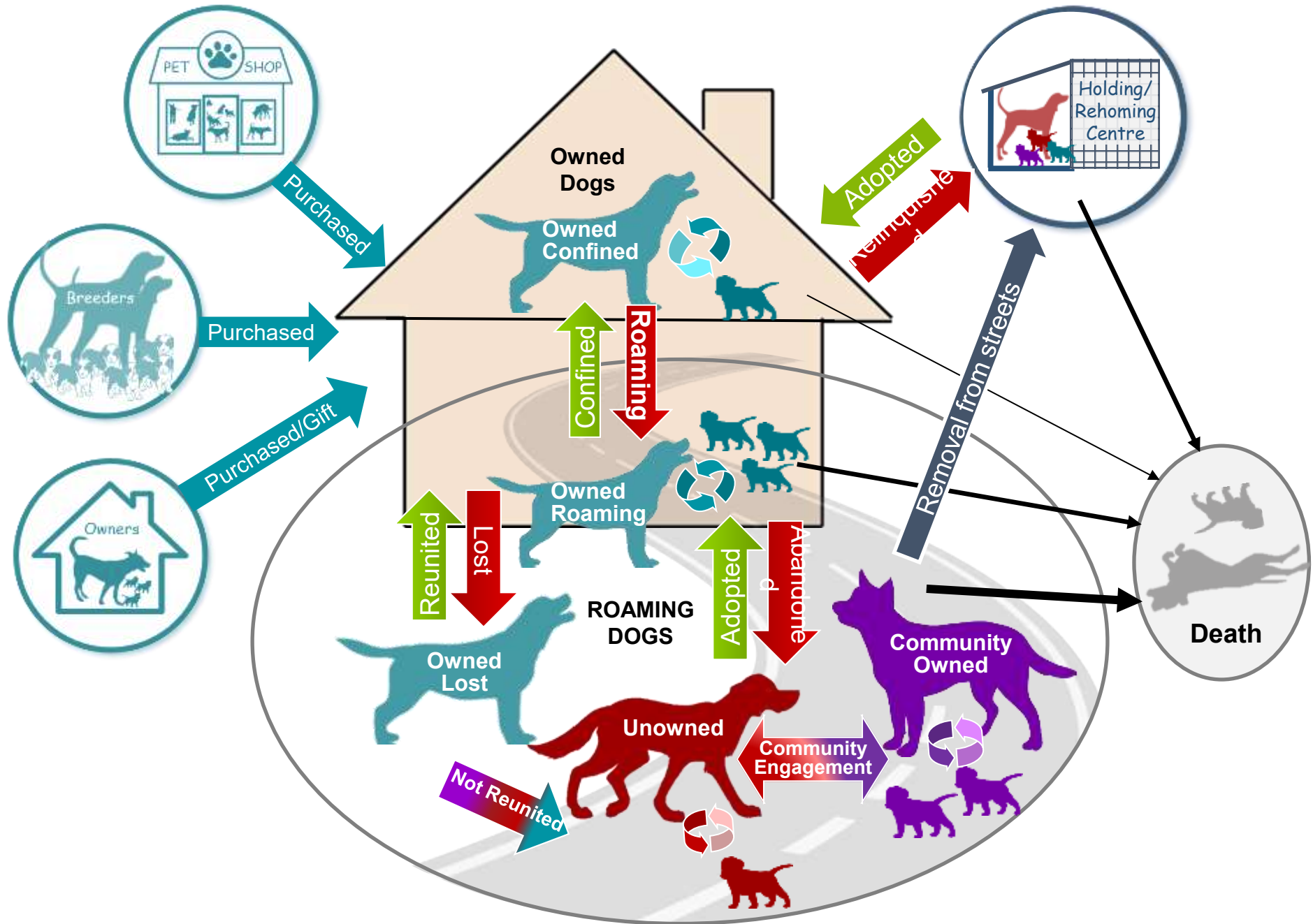
1. Humane and ethical
2. Adapted to local dog population dynamics (no 'one size fits all')
3. Sustained and adaptive
4. Evidence-based design, monitoring and evaluation
5. Focus on root causes
6. Central role of human behaviour

5. Focus on root causes

- ‘Stray control’
 - Focuses only on the ‘symptom’ of the current free-roaming dogs
 - Includes reliance on culling or shelters to ‘clear the streets’ of free-roaming animals
- ‘Population management’
 - Recognises the complexity of dog population dynamics and takes a systems approach
 - Intervenes on ‘causes’; the sources of future unwanted and roaming animals

Step 1 – Understand *your* dog population dynamics





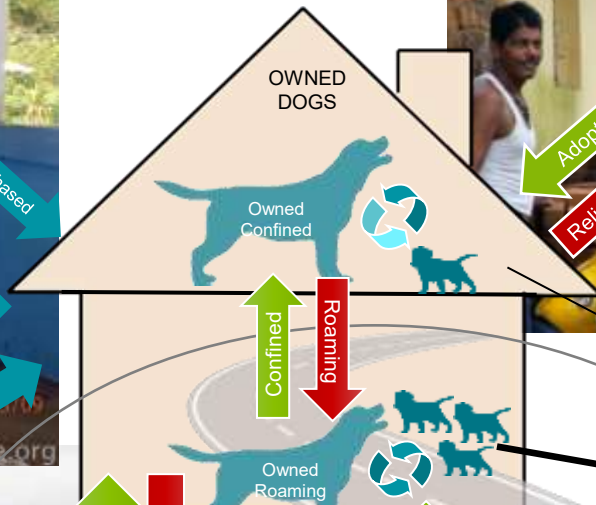
3. Sustained and adapted

- Population management *system*
 - Foundations
 - Services
- Permanent and adapted over time
- Striving towards positive relationship:
 - Responsible behaviour of owners and carers to maintain good welfare and mitigate risks that dogs and cats may present to other animals, the environment and people.



Tackling the current roaming dogs

- 2 relevant services, can be used in combination:
 - Holding facilities/rehoming centres or ‘shelters’ for relinquished pets and unowned dogs removed from the streets for reuniting or rehoming.
 - Reproduction control and veterinary care provided to unowned dogs using catch, neuter, vaccinate and return (CNVR) leading to management of unowned dogs *in situ* on the streets (same service can be applied to cats).
- Considerations for each, including the local context and the characteristics of the individual animal



DPM must address what people do with their dogs – **human behaviour** is the key driver of dynamic processes in dog population

6. Focus on humane behaviour change

- It is as much about people as it is about dogs. Dog ecology is linked with human activities.
- Promotion of RPO can significantly reduce the numbers of stray dogs and incidence of zoonotic disease.
- Successful DPM intervention has to be accompanied by a change in human behavior.
- Overpopulation and overproduction of dogs is linked to human activity and is therefore a societal problem which needs to be addressed as a complex and multifaceted issue.

Roles and responsibilities of national government

- Chapter 7.7 Article 7.7.6:
 - “As a cross-sectoral subject, DPM requires a high level of engagement and collaboration among Competent Authorities responsible for animal health and welfare, food safety, public health and environment, in line with the **One Health** approach.”
- Multi-stakeholder Advisory Group
- National action plan to provide the details of actions and coordinate with other action plans, such as dog-related zoonoses
- Funding of national action plans and DPM programmes
- Training of the DPM profession, including veterinarians, and also ensuring they have access to appropriate veterinary medication products
- Minimise population management problems caused by owned animals
 - Education and enforcement of legislation and regulations that demand responsible owner behaviour.

7.7 WHAT IS NEW-ROLE OF NGOs

- There is one change that now includes **NGOs within the definition of *veterinary services*** which “means the governmental and non-governmental organisations that implement animal health and welfare measures and other standards and recommendations in the Terrestrial Code and the WOAHA Aquatic Animal Health Code in the territory” (from [the glossary](#) of the Terrestrial Code).
- NGOs are also mentioned as relevant stakeholders within Advisory groups supporting the development of DPM programmes and national action plans.

5. Evidence-based design, monitoring and evaluation

- DPM guide process
 - Assessment to understand population dynamics
 - Design to address sources and the current free-roaming dogs
 - Monitor, evaluate and adapt to keep improving your impact

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Methods of Measurement: Street Surveys

Street surveys are an efficient method of collecting data relating to a range of indicators. Their efficiency makes them particularly suitable for monitoring and evaluation because they can be repeated several times over the course of an intervention. The data collected is only related to roaming dogs seen on public property (i.e. not those behind fences or within compounds) and the ownership status of these dogs may not be clear (although a good state of welfare and wearing collars are potential signs of ownership); these roaming dogs may be owned roaming, community owned dogs or artistically unknown dogs either born unowned or abandoned/lost by their former owners. This means that confined dogs will not be accessed through street surveys; this could be a disadvantage but as confined dogs are commonly not a priority target this may be a minor concern for some interventions.

Relevant impacts

Street surveys are most commonly used to measure impacts related to roaming dog density, demography and welfare. Street surveys may also be useful for assessing the coverage of an intervention where the intervention has involved visible marking of dogs, for example collars or paint spray during vaccination campaigns or ear notches during sterilisation. These marks are noted and recorded for every dog observed to assess the proportion of the population that has been reached by the intervention. See the section 'Street surveys and questionnaire for measuring vaccination coverage' for the specific use of this method following vaccination.

Method

The method described here involves counting dogs on a route that runs along streets. It is similar in principle to the 'strip transect' method of wildlife surveys, in that observers move relatively quickly along an extended line to avoid double counting and to collect information on how animal density varies across the area. The difference to strip transects is that there is no intention to extrapolate the counts to an estimate of abundance rather the concept is to repeat these routes in a consistent manner and compare the counts over time (see Annex D on how estimation of abundance can be calculated if necessary). The method thus depends on protocol consistency, using one or more standard routes at a consistent time of day and year and following a standard counting protocol, for example using a constant average speed and mode of transport which will affect the 'search effort', i.e. the chances you will see a roaming dog through your observational skills. Ideal modes of transport include motorbikes carrying a

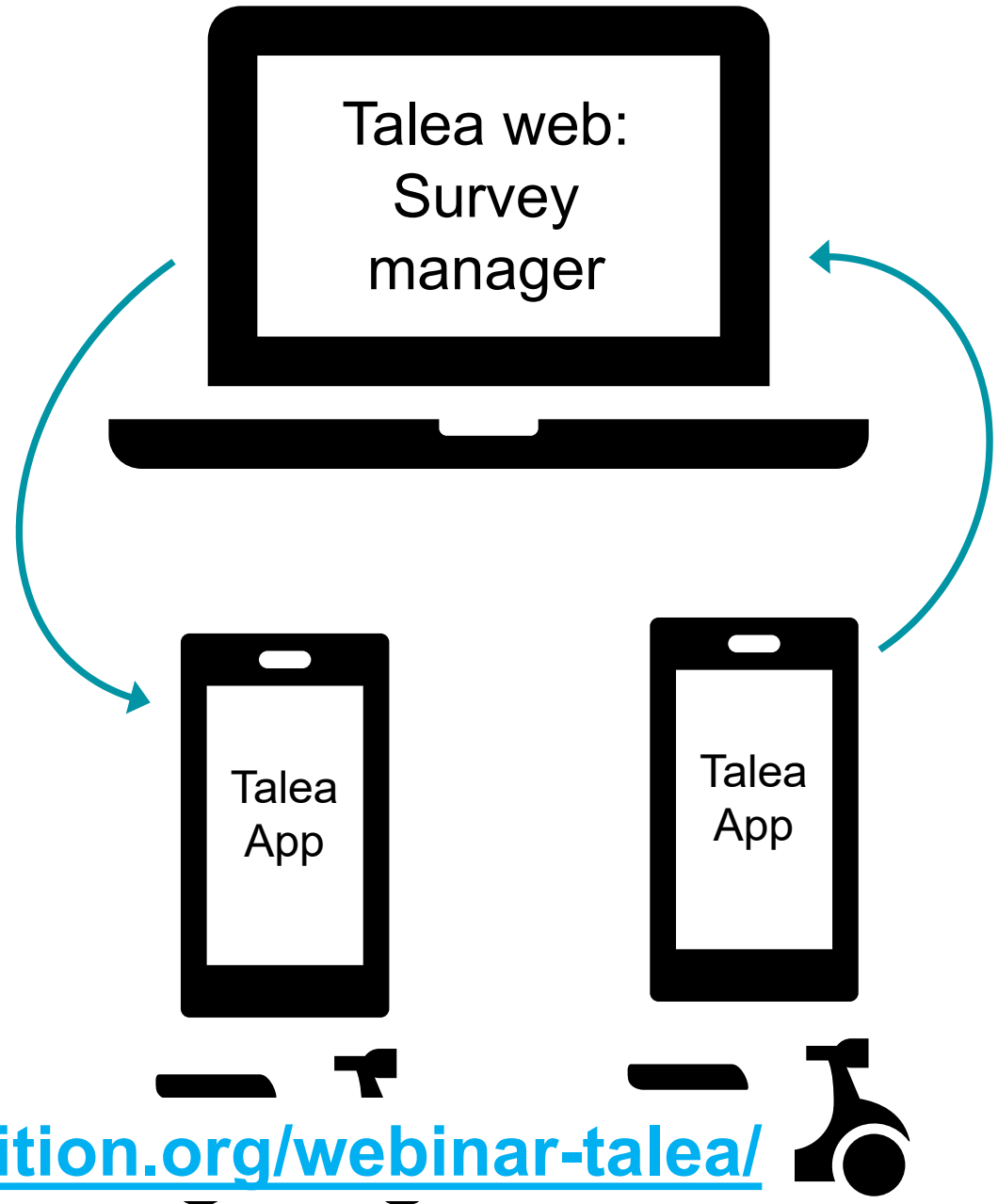
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- Community survey
- Participatory Research
- Street Surveys**
- Secondary Surveys
- Click methods
- Behavioural Observations
- Questionnaire Coverage

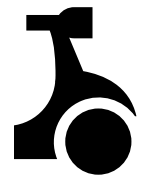
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Talea app

- Website manager sends out 'packages' of surveys to the app and receives the data sent by the app
- App helps you navigate along the route and record observations of roaming dogs



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Webinar Talea

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Humane Dog Population Management 2019 Update

Whether implementing DPM at a local level or providing support through national/regional level activity, ICAM's (2019) Humane Dog Population Management guide has advice for anyone with the goal of creating positive human-dog relationships.


DPM SERVICES

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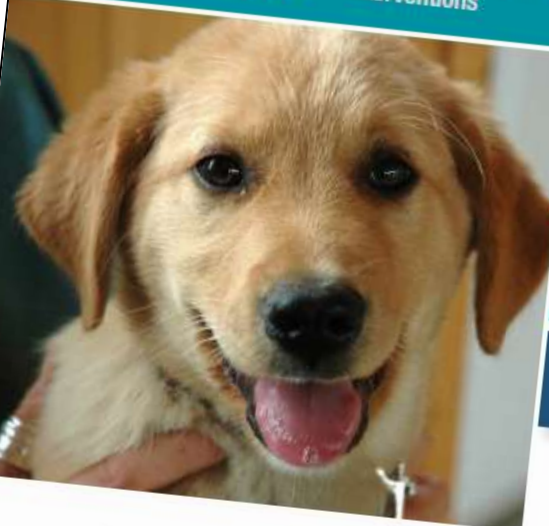








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ICAM COALITION A Guide to Monitoring and Evaluating Dog Population Management Interventions

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Tales about survey app

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An introduction to Tales

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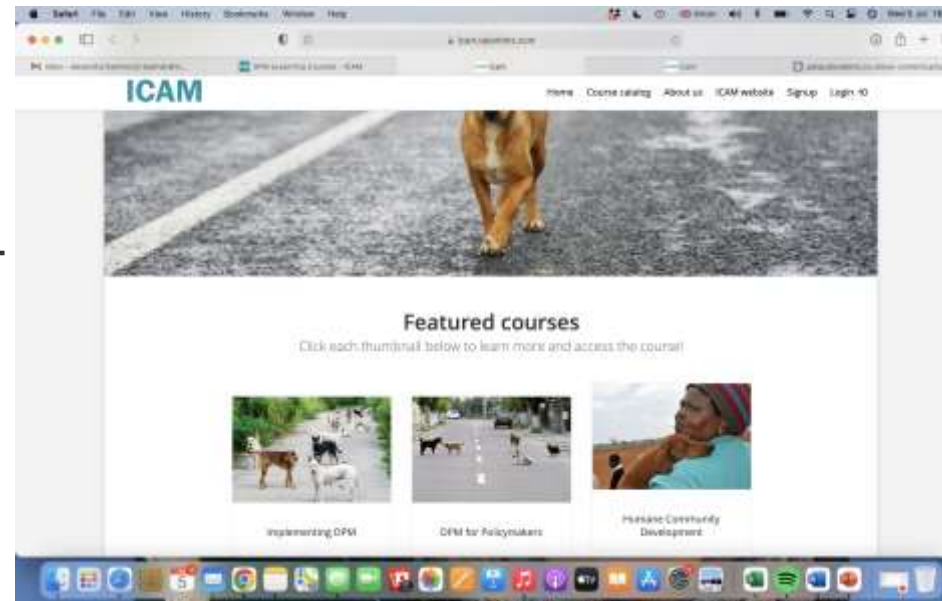
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The two new courses are designed to meet the differing needs of DPM practitioners and policymakers:

1.Implementing DPM is an in-depth, seven-unit course for learners involved in planning, implementing, monitoring or evaluating dog population management.

2.DPM for policymakers is a shorter three-unit course designed for learners who are responsible for developing or refining policy relating to dog population management.





RAWC DPM training and Talea app

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Regional animal welfare centre

Regional Animal Welfare Centre was established in 2012 and was hosted by by the Croatian Veterinary Institute– www.RAWC.eu

The main reason was to ensure long term sustainability for RAWC under a more formal umbrella.

In 2022 RAWC officially registered as an association with the main purpose of providing scientific and technical support to the stakeholders in the region.





Key objectives:

- ❖ To build structures and processes to actively share knowledge and expertise related to the implementation of EU legislation and international standards such as WOAHA.
- ❖ To conduct a screening and elaborate a clear map of the current situation and the priorities in the region.
- ❖ To facilitate consistent implementation and enforcement of EU legislation and international standards through the provision of technical and scientific support.
- ❖ To develop knowledge strategies to overcome knowledge gaps and bottlenecks and to assist with implementation of legislation.
- ❖ To increase stakeholders' awareness, engagement and co-operation in addressing animal welfare issues at the regional level.
- ❖ To develop collaboration with the key institutions working in animal welfare at the regional, European and global level.



It all started in 2008

- 2008 - Western Balkan Veterinary Network (wbvn.net) unique platform for the advancement of animal welfare in the Western Balkan region.
- 2018 Regional Animal Welfare Centre – www.RAWC.eu bases in Croatia.

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Companion animals population management - DPM

- **Shelter Quality**
 - Active participation of four regional experts on Shelter Quality project activities.
- **Be his hero!**
 - Launched in 8 Countries of the region (Albania, Bosnia&Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Bulgaria, Serbia, North Macedonia and Montenegro). RAWC collaborated with OIE on translation, printing and distribution of the materials, and a little bit more.
- **Training of trainers on ICAM dog population management indicators**
 - 29 trainers trained



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The training of DPM trainers

- Held from 5th to 8th of July 2022 in Skopje, North Macedonia
- Conducted by Elly Hibby, PhD, an Independent Animal Welfare Consultant and Scientific Coordinator to the International Companion Animal Management (ICAM) Coalition





1st Training DPM Trainers in Skopje - 2018

- Trainees (5) represented different institutions from the region with different, but complementary backgrounds, all with the plan for further development of the regional DPM program which we hope to start implementing during 2018.



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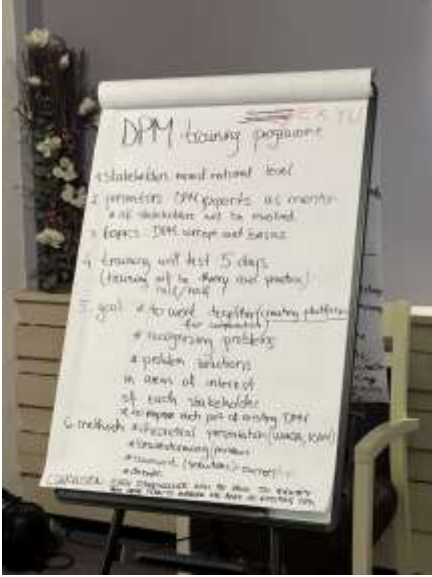
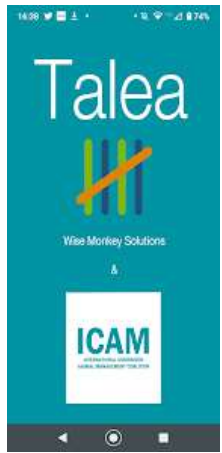
Workshop at the OIE 3rd Stray dog Workshop for Balkan countries - 2018

- ❖ RAWC received an invitation from the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) to hold a workshop 3rd Stray dog Workshop for Balkan countries, in Belgrade.
- ❖ All our five trainers held a combined two hour workshop for participants at the OIE Regional Workshop on the topic on how to establish Dog population counting survey and setting indicators for dog population management.



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- The training comprised theoretical courses, practical workshops as well as E-learning modules using an online platform and TALEA.



- It also included daily population monitoring on the streets and surveying the general public regarding the stray dog problem





12 New trainees from
4 countries.

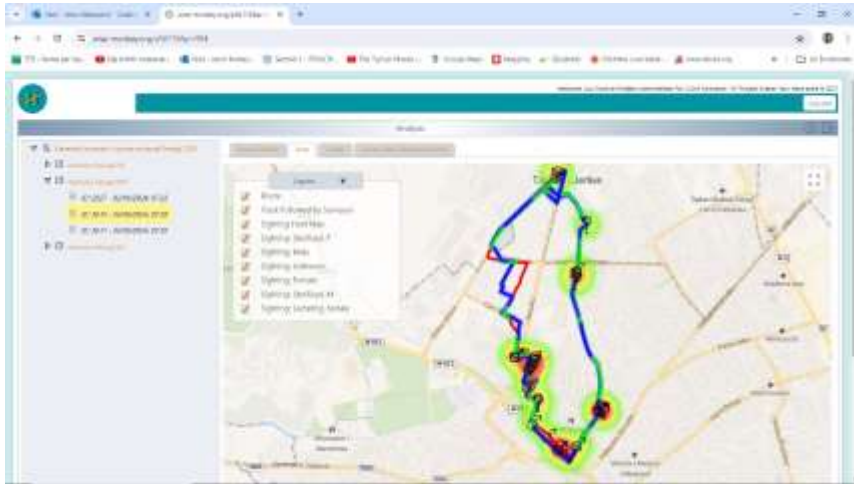


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3rd training of DPM managers Prizren 2024

- Training for Albanian speaking participants from Albania, Kosovo and Montenegro.
- The course covered principles of DPM, surveying methodologies such as TALEA and setting up surveys.
- Further 14 participants attended and completed the ToT course.





DPM Network

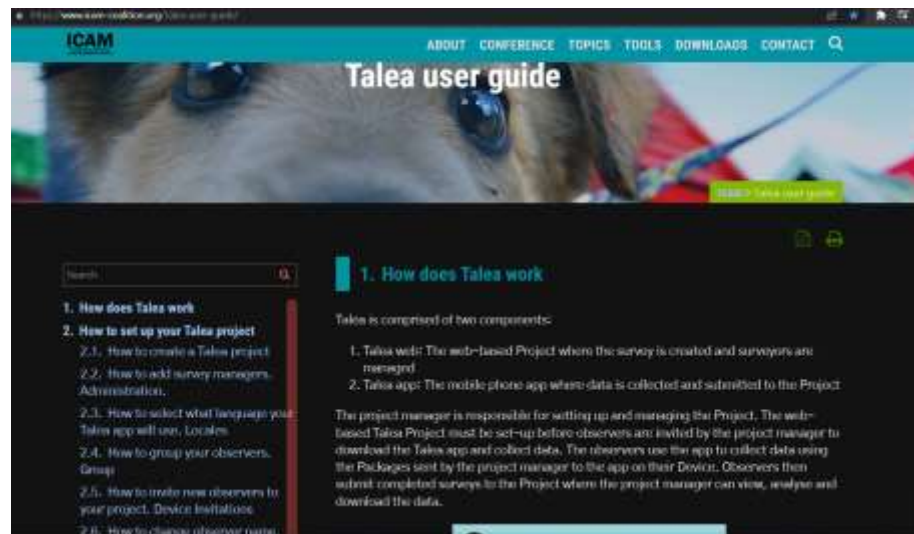
- Total 29 experts from 8 Countries thus far. Countries involved in these training events were – Bosnia (1 person), Croatia (2), Serbia (3), Slovenia (1), N. Macedonia (5), Kosovo (11) and , Montenegro (4), Albania (2). Our plan is to further build on this network of experts next year with the 4rd training in Montenegro.



Useful links


<https://www.icam-coalition.org/talea-user-guide/>

<https://www.icam-coalition.org/webinar-talea/>



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- 1. How does Talea work**
 - Talea is comprised of two components:
 1. Talea web: The web-based Project where the survey is created and surveys are managed.
 2. Talea app: The mobile phone app where data is collected and submitted to the Project.
 - The project manager is responsible for setting up and managing the Project. The web-based Talea Project must be set-up before observers are invited by the project manager to download the Talea app and collect data. The observers use the app to collect data using the Packages sent by the project manager to the app on their Device. Observers then submit completed surveys for the Project where the project manager can view, analyse and download the data.
- 2. How to set up your Talea project**
 - 2.1. How to create a Talea project
 - 2.2. How to add survey managers. Administration.
 - 2.3. How to select what language your Talea app will use. Localise.
 - 2.4. How to group your observers. Group.
 - 2.5. How to make new observers to your project. Device installation.
 - 2.6. How to change observer name.



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At the bottom, there is a small image of a hand holding a smartphone displaying the Talea app interface.

A close-up photograph of a horse's face, focusing on its eye and the white blaze on its forehead. The horse's coat is dark, and the lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of its fur and the intensity of its gaze.

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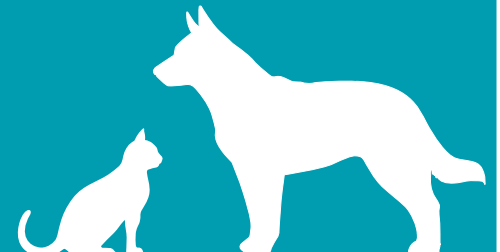
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EXP 1: MOLDOVA – FROM STRAY TO STAR



“**From Stray to Star**” a Stray Dog Art Exhibition is showcasing from 15th of October to 15th of November at **National Museum of History of Moldova**. The exhibition organized in collaboration with Chişinău Municipality, FOUR PAWS and Doctor Vet Moldova, aims to draw attention to Moldova's street animals, emphasizing that with care and love, they can transform into star. It also aims to encourage adoption while raising public awareness about the importance of responsible pet ownership and care giving.

Chişinău's streets are home to an estimated 20,000 stray dogs, facing harsh conditions and little hope of finding homes due to a limited local adoption culture.



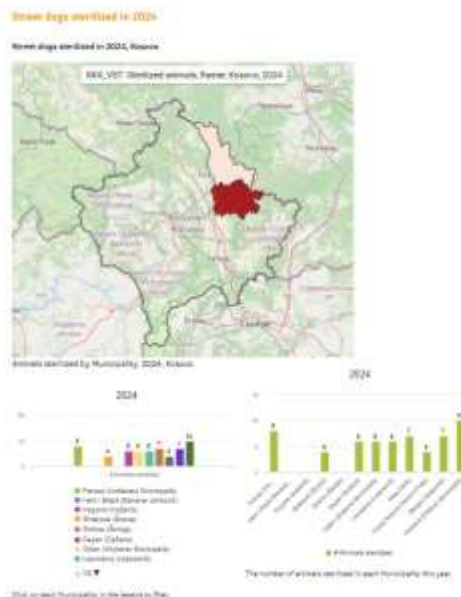


EXP 2: KOSOVO NATIONAL DOG MONITORING HUB



EXHIBITION

- A collaboration between FOUR PAWS, Global Alliance for Rabies Control, Animal Rights Foundation Kosovo, and the National Working Group on DPM of Kosovo
- Aim: To provide a platform where data about street dogs meets strategy, transparency and impact measurement



Welcome to the National Dog Monitoring Hub for Kosovo.

Below, all data about dogs in the different municipalities across Kosovo will be available to you.

A collaboration between FOUR PAWS International, Global Alliance for Rabies Control, Animal Rights Foundation Kosovo, and the National Working Group of Kosovo, has resulted into the Kosovo National Dog Monitoring Hub. The aim of this Hub is to provide a platform where data about street dogs meets strategy, transparency and impact measurement.

The Hub brings existing software, tools, and applications, such as the survey application Talea, as well as the vaccination and sterilization tracker application, together. It supports the effective implementation of the National Dog Population Management Strategy in Kosovo and eventually will provide a detailed overview of the numbers of stray dogs in the whole territory of Kosovo.

Municipalities with available data:

Prishtinë

Fushë Kosovë

Graçanicë

Obiliq

Podujevë



EXP 3 - SHELTER ADOPTION ACADEMY



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Focus

- **Bosnia and Herzegovina (since 2012)**
- Wide DPM programme, working closely with local and national government and other stakeholders

Other

- **Small number of DPM projects also supported currently in Serbia and Bulgaria**
- Advice and guidance provided also through Dogs Trust Bosnia office.



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