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Understanding country situation

- Animal Welfare Legislation, gives framework for self-sustainable Dog Population Management System
- Established National data base for dog & cats
- Established veterinary network, clinics and professionals that can support population control campaigns
- Collaboration with local municipalities, local animal welfare organisations and other partners (UNDP; Dogs Trust)
- Established more shelters in country
- Established commercial movement – animal adoption to EU countries through TRACES NT system
- A noticeable decrease in the stray dogs population in the last 5 years



II. Control measures

- Regular vaccination against rabies – mandatory and other diseases
- Regular implementation of castration/sterilisation programs for stray and owned dogs especially in rural areas
- Continuous education and conducting campaigns on responsible ownership
- Frequent dynamics of dog registration control and shelter conditions through inspection controls



III. Monitoring and evaluation

- Trought Nation data base – dogs ownership and abandonment control – established
- Program evaluation – analysis of the success of implemented measures – partially established
- Reporting – regular reporting on the status of the dog population – not established



IV. Rabies dimension

- B&H has a free Rabies status
- Mandatori vaccination measures are implemented annually
- In the last four years one case of Rabies was reported in a hunting dog



V. Conclusions and future needs

- Strengthening cooperation within the Balkan countries
- Developing long-term plans of managing the dog population
- Securing financial resources for program implementation



Thank you

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