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Country Report on national situation – Republic of Croatia

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I. Understanding country situation

- Main problem → abandoned and lost dogs
- No record of free roaming dogs
- No problems with diseases (e.g. rabies)
- Good legislative base in animal welfare and health related to pets (dog population)



II. Control measures

- Since 2004. obligatory identification of 3 months old dogs with a microchip → authorized veterinarians → Lysacan database
- From 2021. marking before movement or changing ownership, at the latest 90 days of age with rabies vaccination (Animal Health Act, NN, no. 152/22, 154/22)
- Pet breeding control (Article 52., Animal Protection Act, NN no. 102/17, 32/19, 78/24)
- The manner of handling abandoned or lost animals is prescribed by general acts of the representative bodies of the local self-government unit.
- The body of the regional self-government unit adopts the Population control programme for abandoned dogs, taking into consideration the proposals of the coordination work group and delivering them to the competent authority for assessment (for 5 year period)

III. Monitoring and evaluation

- Lysacan database
- JIC – unique information center of abandoned and lost pets = all shelters of CRO
- Data from shelters and other stakeholders

The screenshot shows the website of the National Information Center for Abandoned and Lost Pets (Jedinstveni informacijski centar za napuštene i izgubljene kućne ljubimce). The page features a header with logos for the Republic of Croatia, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, the European Union, and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. Below the header, there is a navigation menu with options for 'KORISNE INFORMACIJE', 'ŽIVOTINJE', and 'SKLONIŠTA/KONTAKT'. A search bar is present with filters for 'Općenita pretraga', 'Vrsta životinje', 'Pasmina', 'Spol', 'Sklonište', and 'Kastrat'. The main content area is titled 'Životinje za udomljavanje' and displays a grid of eight photographs of various dogs, including a black and white dog, a brown dog, a white dog with brown spots, a black dog, and a brown dog.

IV. Rabies dimension

- Last rabies case confirmed in red fox in 2014
- 2021 Croatia Rabies free country
- EU Reg (EU) 2021/620 15 April 2021
- Oral vaccination of foxes implemented in whole Croatia (island excepted)
- Active and passive rabies surveillance whole year at whole territory of Croatia

The screenshot shows the website of the Croatian Veterinary Administration (UPRAVA ZA VETERINARSTVO I SIGURNOST HRANE). The page is titled "Oralna vakcinacija" (Oral vaccination) and features a search bar and a navigation menu. The main content area displays a news article titled "08. listopada 2024. početak je jesenske akcije oralne vakcinacije lisica na području Republike Hrvatske!" (08. October 2024. start of autumn fox vaccination campaign in the Republic of Croatia!). The article includes a photograph of a red fox and text describing the campaign's start at two airports (Brač and Osijek) and the distribution of vaccines. A sidebar on the right contains a "Baze podataka" (Data bases) section with links to VETIS, Lysacan, and the JIC (Joint Information Center for Stray and Lost Pets), and an "Informacije" (Information) section with links to Edukacije, Brošure, Postavite nam pitanje, and Pronađite svog veterinara. At the bottom, there is a "Kalendar događanja" (Event calendar) for November 2024.

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Oralna vakcinacija

08. listopada 2024. početak je jesenske akcije oralne vakcinacije lisica na području Republike Hrvatske!

Jesenska kampanja oralne vakcinacije lisica **počinje 08. listopada 2024.** sa dvije lokacije; aerodrom Brač i aerodrom Osijek, a zatim se distributer premješta na aerodrom Rijeka i aerodrom Čakovec čime se osigurava distribucija cjepiva u najkraćem mogućem roku i pokrivenost cjelokupnog teritorija Hrvatske.

Baze podataka

- VETIS
- Lysacan
- Jedinstveni informacijski centar za napuštene i izgubljene kućne ljubimce (JIC)

Informacije

- Edukacije
- Brošure
- Postavite nam pitanje
- Pronađite svog veterinara

Kalendar događanja

Studeni 2024

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V. Conclusions and future needs

- Conclusions:

- Strong legislative framework
- Effective rabies control
- Comprehensive tracking systems

- Future needs:

- **Strengthened collaboration:** Increased coordination between local authorities, regional bodies and stakeholders for efficient implementation of population control programs and handling of lost/abandoned animals.
- **Awareness campaigns:** Educating the public on responsible pet ownership, importance of microchipping and proper pet care to reduce abandonment rates.



Thank you

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