

Country report on national action plans for animal welfare

Republic of Albania

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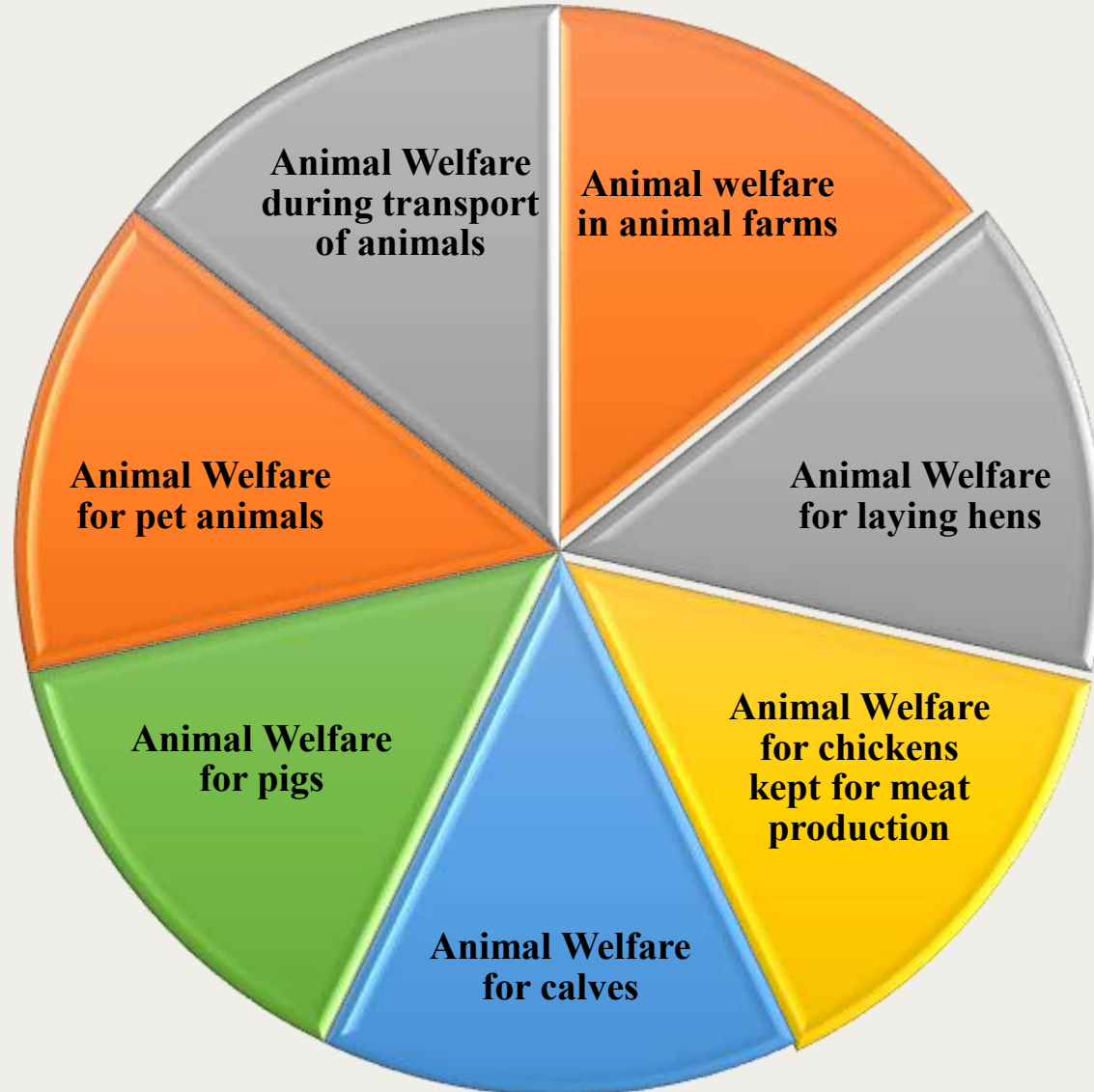


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Main Animal Welfare issues we work on





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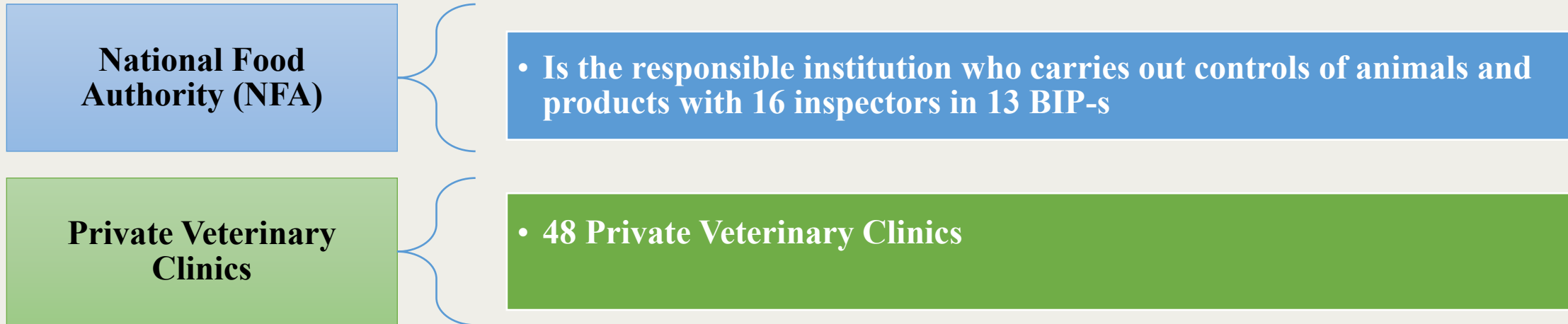
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Stakeholders – Which are involved (government agencies, NGOs, farmers, veterinary professionals) and their role?

Government Institutions

- Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development;
- National Authority of Veterinary and Plant Protection;
- Municipalities.

NGOs

- Animal Rescue Albania (ARA);
- Animal Friends of Albania;
- Albanian Paws Up For Adoption;
- Protect Me Albania;

Farmers

- Livestock Farmers
- Animal Owners

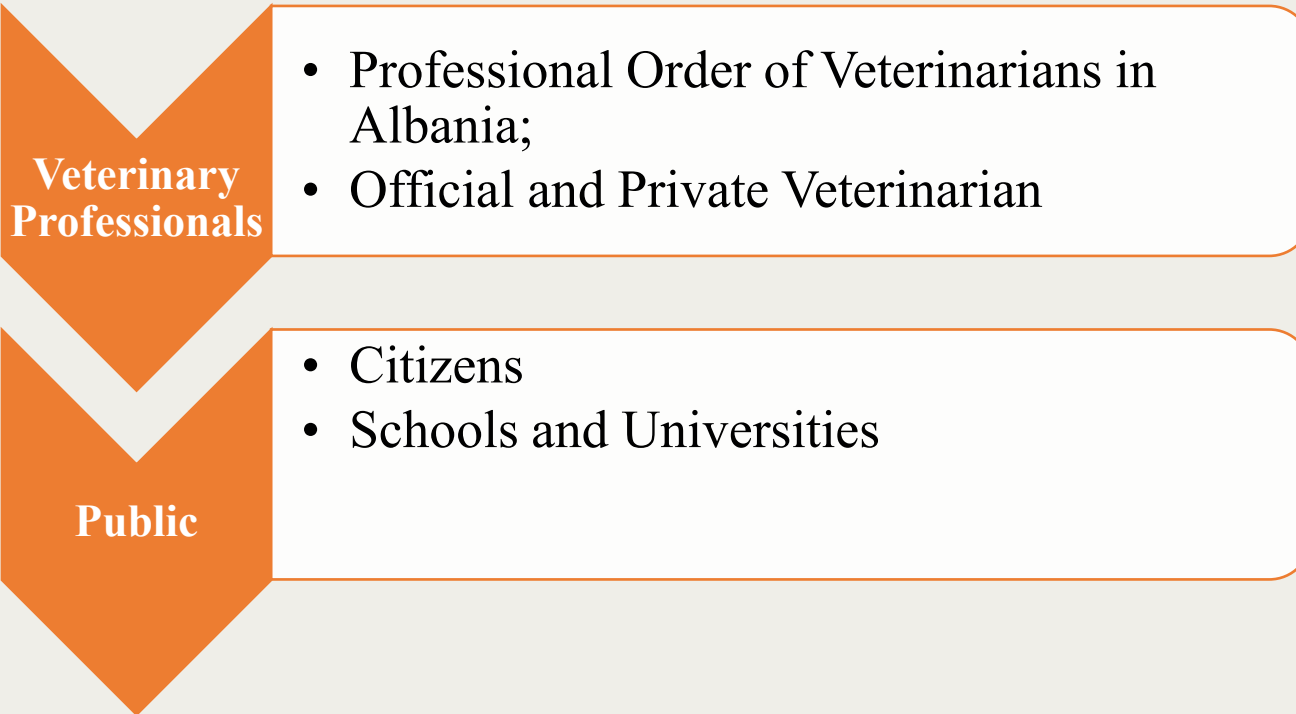
- Policy making
- Legislation
- Monitoring and inspection of farms;
- Stray dogs

Groups dedicated to improving the conditions of animals, particularly focusing on combating animal cruelty, public education, advocating for better legal protection and raise awareness and address animal welfare issues, including stray animals and farming practices.

Play a key role in the welfare of farm animals. Their practices impact animal care, housing, handling and promote better animal care.



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They are at the forefront of ensuring animal health and welfare, providing services such as vaccinations, treatment of injuries, and addressing welfare concerns. Also helping to set standards for animal care and can influence policy, to handle issues like animal cruelty or neglect.

Citizens, especially urban residents, can play a role in advocating for animal welfare through donations, volunteer efforts, or by supporting NGOs. Educational institutions can help raise awareness and foster a generation of animal welfare advocates.



Regulatory framework – What are the legal acts/regulations that you have on Animal Welfare? Do you use WOAHS standards and other guidelines and best practices in your work?

Law No. 10465, dated 29.09.2011 “For veterinary service in the Republic of Albania” as amended (WOAH standards);

Order of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development No. 286 date 21.09.2012 “On protection of animals kept on farm”, has partially approximated Council Directive 98/58/EC of 20 July 1998 concerning the protection of animals kept for farming purposes;

Order of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development No. 307, dated 4.7.2008 “On the determination of minimum standards for the protection of laying hens” has partially approximated Council Directive 1999/74/EC of 19 July 1999 laying down minimum standards for the protection of laying hens;

Order of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development No. 274, dated on 18.8.2008 “On the registration of laying hens establishments” has partially approximated Commission Directive 2002/4/EC of 30 January 2002 on the registration of establishments keeping laying hens, covered by Council Directive 1999/74/EC;



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Order of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development No. 367, dated 9.9.2021 “For minimum rules applicable for protection of chickens kept for meat production” has partially approximated **Council Directive 2007/43/EC of 28 June 2007** laying down minimum rules for the protection of chickens kept for meat production:

Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development No. 329, dated 24.06.2014 “Laying down minimum standards for the protection of calves” has partially approximated **Council Directive 2008/119/EC of 18 December 2008** laying down minimum standards for the protection of calves;

Order of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development No. 222, dated 07.04.2015 “Approving the Regulation laying down minimum standards for the protection of pigs” has partially approximated **Council Directive 2008/120/EC of 18 December 2008** laying down minimum standards for the protection of pigs;

Order of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development No. 354, dated 21.12.2011 “On the protection of animals during transport” has partially approximated **Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 of 22 December 2004 on the protection of animals during transport and related operations and amending Directives 64/432/EEC and 93/119/EC and Regulation (EC) No 1255/97**

Ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development No. 7, dated 17.07.2013 “On the protection of animals during the time of killing” has partially approximated **Council Regulation (EC) 1099/2009 of 24 September 2009 on the protection of animals at the time of killing**



Implementation and enforcement – what are the main actions taken to implement and enforce your regulatory framework?





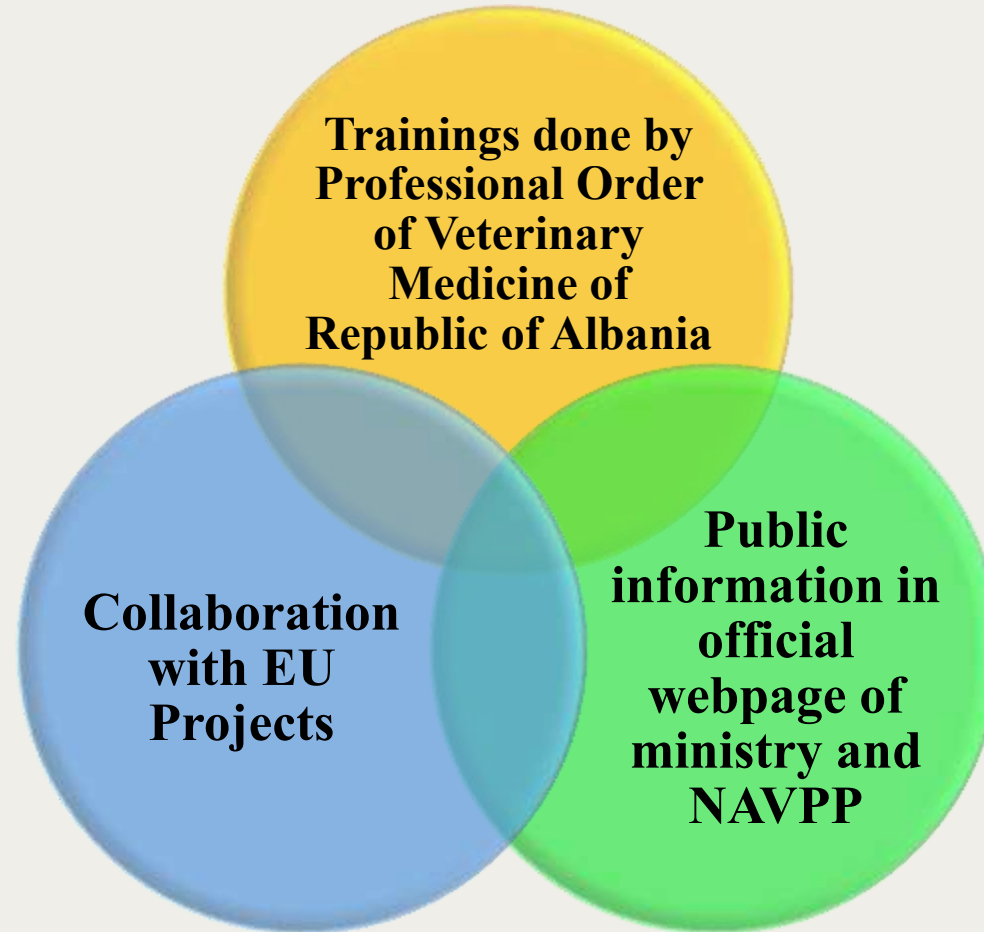
Data – what data you collect and how?

Data for:

- Controls done in animal farms;
- Penalties for animal welfare in animal farms, transport, markets and slaughterhouses;
- Number of animals/poulties;
- Number of farms;
- Number of markets and slaughterhouses;
- Slaughtered animals;
- Transport of animals;
- Private Veterinary clinics/hospitals;
- Epidemiological data;
- etc



Public awareness or educational programs – What programs are currently in place in your country?





Barriers and challenges – What barriers and challenges do you face to implement Animal Welfare regulation (cultural, economical, political, ...) ?

1. Awareness and responsibility of citizens and farmers

- There is a responsibility to report animal welfare violations to authorities;
 - A non-profit organization that provides education, training and awareness campaign to the public and law enforcement authorities.

2. Lack of financial resources for enforcement of animal welfare legislation

Thank you



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