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Dog population management National Action Plans

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Why a National VS Plan is needed (2019) key roles for Veterinary Services:

- **Provide the legal basis** for DPMP and rabies control.
- **Offer technical expertise** on animal health, welfare, and public health.
- **Coordinate DPMPs nationally**, ensuring consistency and harmonisation.
- **Monitor and evaluate** implementation at the local level.
- **Lead advocacy and resource mobilisation** to support sustainable programmes.



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Chapter I – Situation Analysis

- Owned and free-roaming dog populations
- Social acceptability and human–dog interactions
- Impacts of stray dogs (public health, safety, economic costs)
- Roles of all actors, including municipalities, NGOs, and communities
- Existing legislation and resources
- Rabies epidemiology, surveillance, PEP use
- Current control measures and their effectiveness
- Monitoring and evaluation practices to date

Chapter II – Results of SAM Tool Self-Assessment

Countries analyze their compliance in four areas:

- Understanding the situation
- Control measures
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Rabies control

This chapter clearly identifies non-compliances that the Plan must address.



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Chapter III – The 3–5 Year National Plan

Governance structure, including the National Advisory Group

Detailed activities for the Veterinary Authority (Legal aspects, One Health coordination, Awareness and communication, Training and education. Vaccination strategies, surveillance and diagnostics, bite prevention and PEP awareness, resource mobilisation and operations management.

Each activity must include a **timeline**, **geographical scope**, and **responsible services**.

Chapter IV – Monitoring and Evaluation

Chapter V – Estimated Budget

A detailed, activity-based costing template supports financial planning,

Chapter VI – Review

The WOAH Platform Task Force can review national plans upon request and provide technical guidance.



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Key Takeaways

(2019)

- provides a **comprehensive, structured, and practical tool** for governments to build a robust national plan aligned with international standards.
- strengthens the role of **Veterinary Services as coordinators and technical leaders**, while acknowledging the operational role of municipalities.
- links dog population management with **rabies control, One Health**, and international commitments to eliminate dog-mediated rabies by 2030

It enables countries to move towards humane, effective, and sustainable dog population management solutions.

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