

## OIE Questionnaire – Annex A: “Stray Dogs Control”

### I. General information on the dog population

1. Are free roaming dogs a problem?

Yes	In some areas	No	Don't know
	<b>X</b>		

2. If **YES**, please indicate the main problem(s). (\*)

Dog bites	Rabies	Other diseases	Nuisance eg. dog faeces	Others
<b>1</b>	<b>2 Primary concern, but well controlled in US</b>	<b>2 Zoonotic disease concern exists, but incidence is rare</b>	2	

3. Are free roaming dogs a problem in the following areas? (\*)

Big cities	Small towns & villages	Wilderness areas
<b>1-2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

4. Are dog attacks/bites on humans reportable?

Yes	In some areas	No	Don't know
	<b>X (medically attended)</b>		

5. Number of dog attacks/bites each year:

Actual	Estimated	Not available
	<b>4.5-5 Million (about 800,000 require medical attention)</b>	

(\*) Please assign a number according to the following criteria: **1**=most important/common; **2**=fairly important/uncommon; **3**=not important/rare

### II. Stray Dogs Control

6. Is dog registration required by law?

Yes	In some areas	No	Don't know
	<b>X</b>		

7. Is dog identification required by law?

Yes	In some areas	No	Don't know
	<b>X</b>		

8. Are dog population control programs used?

Yes	In some areas	No	Don't know
	<b>X</b>		

9. Who manages the population control programs?

Central Government	Regions/Districts	Municipalities	NGOs
	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>

10. What is the annual budget for control programs? (state currency)

**This is difficult to answer. Most animal control is done at the municipal level. Budgets will vary by size of community and how animal control functions are aligned (e.g., part of police authority, separate agency). In many communities animal control functions are supplemented by private shelters that derive additional monies from fundraising. Some of shelters may also formally contract with municipal animal control. Depending on these factors, available monies range from a few hundred to millions of dollars. Federal and state governmental agencies may also provide some funding for programs that are perceived to provide public benefit (e.g., dog bite injury control), although such support is typically limited.**

Sponsor	Actual	Estimated	Not available
Government			<b>X</b>
Region/District			<b>X</b>
Municipalities			<b>X</b>
NGO			<b>X</b>

11. Is it official policy to kill/euthanize free-roaming dogs?

Yes	In some areas	No	Don't know
	<b>X (generally after holding period)</b>		

12. If **YES**, what methods for killing/euthanasia?

Injectable barbiturate	<b>X</b>
Injectable other (please identify substance used)	<b>Potassium chloride with anaesthesia</b>
Poisoned baits	
Electrocution	<b>X (very rare)</b>
Gassing	<b>X (usually CO or CO2)</b>
Others (specify)	<b>Physical (e.g., gunshot, penetrating captive bolt); inhalant anaesthetics</b>

13. Are population control measures other than killing/euthanasia used?

Yes	No	Don't know
<b>X</b>		

14. Is pharmacological contraception used?

Yes	No	Don't know
	<b>X (Currently not readily available in US)</b>	

15. Is surgical sterilization used?

Yes	No	Don't know
<b>X</b>		

16. Information on dog shelters/pounds:

**Between 1994 and 1997, the National Council on Pet Population Study and Policy attempted to obtain national numbers describing the extent of the pet overpopulation problem in the United States. At that time, it was able to identify more than 5,000 brick-and-mortar facilities housing 100+ dogs/cats per year that were willing to provide statistics. We suspect this is a significant underestimate of the number of animal control efforts currently operating in the United States. Various approaches include municipal shelters, private shelters, and rescue groups (all of which may or may not have brick-and-mortar facilities).**

	Publicly Managed shelters/pounds	Privately Managed shelters/pounds
Number of facilities	<b>Not available</b>	<b>Not available</b>
Number of dog places available	<b>Not available</b>	<b>Not available</b>

17. Approximately what percentage of dogs placed in shelters is adopted each year?

**15 to 70% (depends on whether/how statistics are kept, how animals are classified, whether kill/no-kill facility); average euthanasia rate appears to be approximately 30 to 50%.**

Other Comments: