



# The Role of NGOs in Supporting the Implementation of the OIE's Animal Welfare

## Standards

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# Global Animal Welfare Standards

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# SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTING OF THE OIE ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS:

THE ROLE THAT CIVIL SOCIETY PLAYS



PRODUCED IN ASSOCIATION WITH:





We have **global reach**

We work in **collaboration**  
with governments

We are **science-based**

We bring **practical**  
**solutions**

The OIE recognises WSPA as the pre-eminent animal welfare NGO and a formal MOU exists between the two organisations.

WSPA co-ordinates ICFAW input into OIE animal welfare standards development.

# OIE Standard for Stray Dog Population Control

- Acknowledges that dog population management is an integral part of rabies control programmes.
- Recognises that culling alone is not effective for population control.
- Specifies unacceptable methods of killing dogs.
- Confirms the importance of controlling dog populations without causing unnecessary animal suffering.

# Alternatives must be implemented:

- Colombo, Sri Lanka
- Bali, Indonesia



## Colombo, Sri Lanka

- Endemic rabies and many roaming dogs.
- Policy of registering and vaccinating owned dogs, while culling unclaimed roaming dogs, not effective for controlling rabies or dog population size.

# HUMANE DOG POPULATION MANAGEMENT GUIDANCE

International Companion Animal Management Coalition



NGO / Colombo  
Municipal Council (CMC)  
initiative to set up an  
alternative programme  
to achieve a **smaller,**  
**healthier and more**  
**accepted** dog population  
in Colombo.

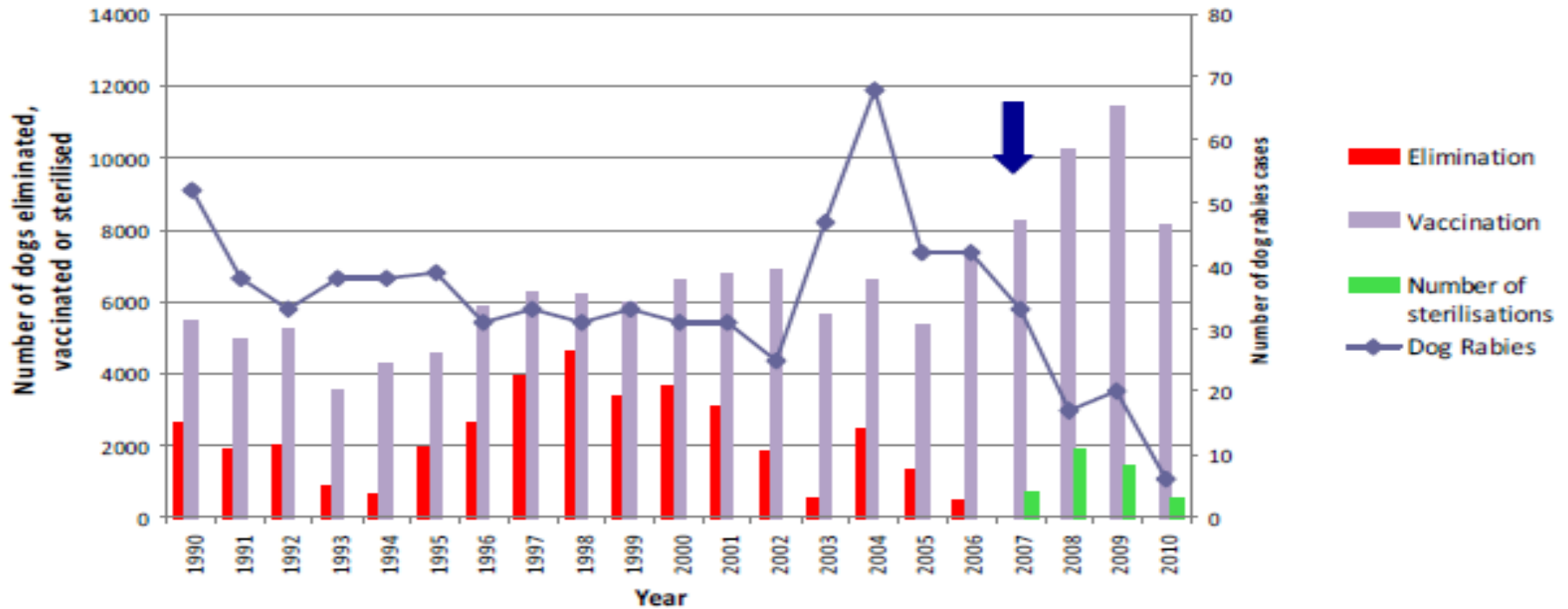
In line with OIE and  
ICAM Guidelines.



Vaccination  
Sterilisation  
Education

# COLOMBO PROJECT

Dog rabies cases in CMC against vaccination (by CMC and BPT) and elimination from 1990 to June 2010



- Mid-term project review also showed:
  - Decrease in dog population size
  - Improvements in dog welfare
  - Increased knowledge of bite prevention and rabies avoidance.
- Programme to be maintained by local government.
- Model for Sri Lanka and other countries.

# Rabies Control in Bali, Indonesia



- **Widespread culling** in response to rabies outbreak in late 2008.
- **Strychnine used** contrary to OIE Standard.
- Not effective for either disease or population control – **rabies spread.**



- Alternative programme of mass vaccination without inhumane culling funded by WSPA.
- Euthanasia for rabid and incurably sick dogs.
- Support from other international organisations.
- Community education and government engagement.





The infographic consists of three vertical arrows. The leftmost arrow is red and points upwards, containing text about dog vaccination. The middle and right arrows are orange and point downwards, containing text about decreases in dog and human rabies cases and deaths, respectively. All text is in white.

**70%+**

estimated  
Bali dog  
population  
vaccinated

Oct 2010  
to Mar 2011

**45%**

decrease  
in dog  
rabies  
cases

Dec 2010  
to Mar 2011

**48%**

decrease  
in human  
rabies  
deaths

Dec 2010  
to Mar 2011

- **Balinese Provincial Government now leading programme.**
- **Continuing reduction in dog and human deaths.**
- **Basis for engagement on dog population management in Bali and other parts of Indonesia.**

Practical, humane and sustainable programmes, based on OIE Standard, to control disease, protect human health and improve animal welfare.

# Global 'Red Collar' Campaign



[www.wspa-international.org/redcollar](http://www.wspa-international.org/redcollar)

- End inhumane culling in response to rabies.
- Mass vaccination without inhumane culling.
- Dog population management advice as needed.



## Future collaboration opportunities...

- Global Red Collar campaign being implemented regionally.
- Supports RAWs AFEO implementation plan.
- Expands implementation of OIE Standards.
- We look forward to partnership initiatives with other governments.



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