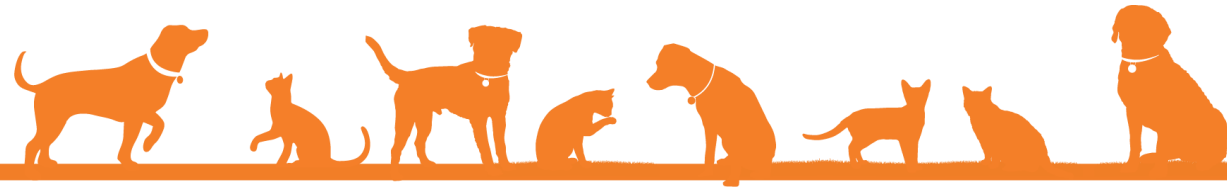




All eyes on Dogs

End Rabies: Collaborate, Vaccinate.

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Dedicated to enhancing welfare and ending cruelty to animals across the world for over 30 years

Worked in Asia Pacific and MENA in Red Collar Campaign and LATIN America in PAHO rabies elimination programme.

Rescue of Dogs in disasters across the globe.

Our successes and ambitious plans for the future supported by hundreds of thousands of people, governments, international institutions and businesses in over 50 countries

We and our many partners share a common view that a sustainable world is one where animals are free from suffering.

Dogs solution to 'Zero by 30'



- The world has been focused in treating rabies in humans.
- We have been working to end inhuman culling of dogs due to rabies
- Our Position – mass killing of dogs and vaccination humans will not stop rabies
- A smart mix of Humane Dog population management (HDPM) inclusive of Mass dog vaccination (MDV), responsible dog ownership (RDO), targeted sterilisation, educational campaigns in community and Government ownership will.
- It only cost \$4 to vaccinate a dog but £108 (X27) to treat a human
- We should shift our focus to dogs they hold the solution to eliminating the disease



All eyes on dogs

How dogs hold the solution to ending human rabies by 2030



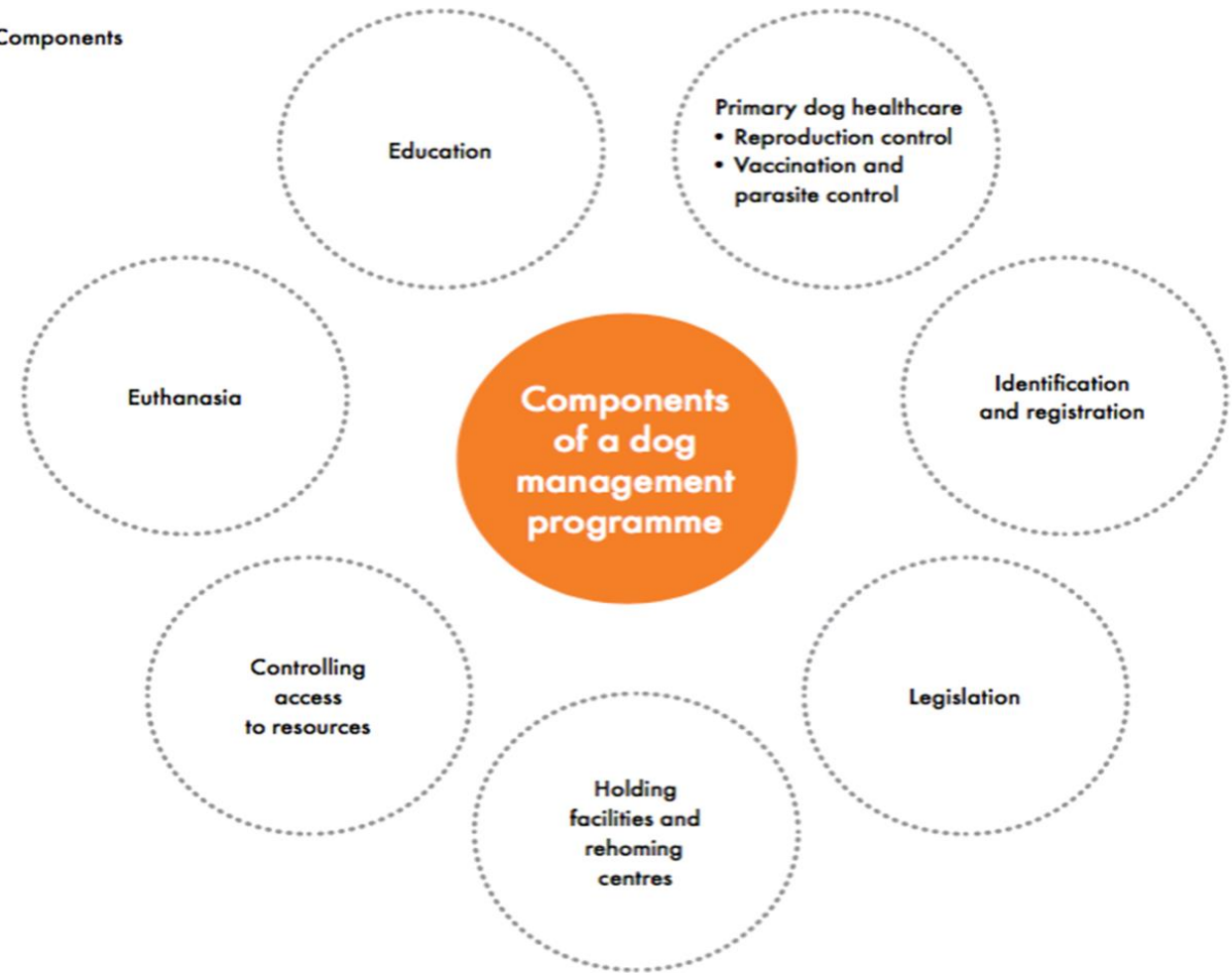
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What is needed is improved dog welfare?

DPM Blueprint



Components



Covid-19 (SARS-CoV-2) and Pets



- Covid-19 in 2020 has affected pets in both health and wellbeing globally
- Cases of dogs and cats testing positive and even dying has brought on new questions on the human-pet role in the greater public health agenda
- Due to lack of information globally thousands of pets have been either killed or abandoned.
- This will only go to amplify other public health issues being addressed in the area of pets
- World Animal Protection has been working with partners to help supplement or support efforts to mitigate some of these results.



Sierra Leone Animal Welfare Society Feeding strays and abandoned dogs due to Covid-19



Makueni County, Kenya Pilot



- Makueni County Rabies Elimination Pilot project was carried over 5 years (2014-2018)
 - Makueni County has 6 sub counties
 - Aim was to vaccinate 70% of dog population over 3 years
 - sensitized residents on the disease
 - Demonstrated that HDPM is essential to elimination of rabies
 - Demonstrated response to challenges and opportunities to scale up nation wide
 - It entailed Mass Dog Vaccination
 - Focused heavily on Education -Training of Teachers to teach children on rabies, RDO, dog bite prevention (community ambassadors)
 - Training community health workers (community mobilizers)
 - The lead actor was Makueni County Government collaborating with us and partner support from Zoonotic Disease Unit – Kenya, OIE, Washington State University, KEMRI, CDC among others.
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Makueni Pilot – Outcomes & Lessons



- Government and community buy-in is essential for project success.
- Dog census and KAP survey on community attitudes to dogs and rabies is essential. Good background information on number of dogs, community calendar and availability of facilities are essential for proper planning of field activities
- Thorough pre-planning is needed to ensure effective implementation of a rabies elimination project.
- Two sub counties reached over 70%, two reached 60-65% and two 50-55% vaccination coverage



Makueni Pilot - Recommendations



- Undertake multi-sectoral approach towards rabies control and elimination, involving key actors at National and County levels and non-state actors in rabies control, including research institutes, NGOs, OIE and FAO.
 - Recognise that rabies control is not on the Ministry of Health priority list or the national agenda, efforts should be made to set it as a priority disease.
 - Governments should allocate adequate resources (human, finance and logistics) to facilitate implementation of rabies elimination projects.
 - Incorporate humane dog management in urban planning
 - Enact by-laws to make annual rabies vaccination and certification mandatory.
 - Train all health workers (human and animal) on all aspects of rabies management in both humans and dogs.
 - Recognise and mainstream the efforts of the private sector in rabies control and elimination.
 - Mass vaccination campaigns and dog population control can be undertaken efficiently through public private partnerships between the county government and private animal health service providers.
 - Educate and raise awareness on the importance of dogs in the transmission of rabies, RDO and other animal welfare practices.
 - Use teachers and pupils as change agents in the control of rabies and responsible dog ownership.
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Sierra Leone

- Ownership by Ministry of health, agriculture, forestry and food security
- Establishment of a National Animal Welfare, livestock and Rabies Taskforce.
- Sept 2017 - National Rabies elimination and DPM strategy launched.
- Finalization of draft Animal welfare and Livestock Acts at Attorney General's office – allows Humane DPM with jurisdiction.
- Collaboration with national WHO, FAO offices, GARC and other NGO's
- Capacity building of Freetown City Council to undertake pilot project in Freetown, in partnership with Sierra Leone Animal Welfare Society (SLAWS)
- End Pilot Evaluation of program to be done in 2020



Zanzibar

- 2000: WSPA first engaged Zanzibar with main goal of improving animal welfare policy and practice
- 2005: WSPA began a humane stray dog control programme with the Department of Veterinary Services
- 2009 – 2012: ‘The Rabies and Dog Management Project
- 2013 – 2016: At the request of the Department of Veterinary services started an integrated Zanzibar Rabies Prevention & Elimination Project (ZRPEP)
- 2017: handed program to Global Alliance for Rabies Control (end stage of Rabies control)





Ghana



2016: Sponsored and Participated in Rabies in West Africa conference in Ghana

2017 – Present: worked with RIWA Ghana in supporting the Directorate of Veterinary services to run World Rabies Month pilots in which they undertake MDV, Training of teachers and pupils and community mobilization



Conclusion

- Improving the welfare of dogs which supports elimination of rabies is a key priority.
- We have outlined our approach in our published resource entitled '**Humane Dog Management: Better lives for dogs and communities**'.
- Also newly published '**All eyes on Dogs Report**'
- We reiterate our willingness to cooperate with governments across the continent and share our years of knowledge and experience in order to create an African continent where dogs and humans have harmonious co-existence.

