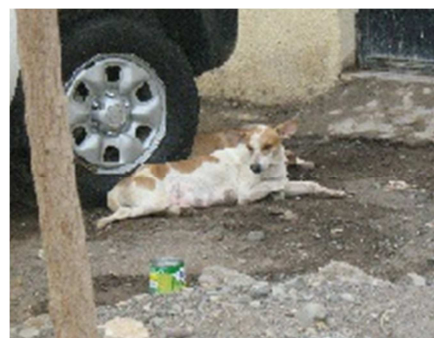


# Stray Dogs Population Control Management

## Background

African Centre for Veterinary Consultancy is a non profitable centre trying to provide better life for animals in the region. Sudan has been chosen to be a focal point to implement a stray dogs population management before spreading it to cover the neighbouring countries. We are more concerned on protecting dogs from being shot or poisoned or abused due to different allegations such as rabies transmission, over population or threatening the public safety of the streets.



Unfortunately dogs are ignorant animals in Sudan, there is no any type of municipality policies or legislation to protect those valuable animals neither the stray ones nor the dogs which are owned by people. Many services provided by the public veterinary hospitals such as vaccination campaigns, medical care, registration and follow up have been stopped long time ago. Moreover, there is a huge gap in the information and statistics regarding the number of dogs, breed, age, sex, life status and distribution of dogs among the country.

Data collection, co-ordination, awareness raising and capacity building programs targeting the governmental and nongovernmental organizations that are involved and can help in our project is extremely needed for integrating efforts towards minimizing the number of stray dogs as much as we can.

The steady increase in the numbers of stray dogs owing to the absence of dogs population control management program, along with the lack of rules and legislations that would put off owners from abandoning dogs in the streets, have developed the phenomenon of street dogs groups. In return, these street dogs attack children and other animals in the city suburbs. It is expected that this phenomenon would become worth and further spread in the forth coming years, if the situation continues on the same manner and reasons causing the phenomena are not tackled.

It is high time to start a dog's population control management program based on a scientific concepts and statistics. This project will be designed to fulfil and be in line with the principles of animal welfare adopted by the Regional and International conventions such as the Organization of Animal Health (OIE) and the World Health Organization (WHO) which encourage humane strategies in controlling the stray dog's population.

## **Overall goal**

This project is considered as a strategic plan that aims to reduce the number of tray dogs to the limit and raising the community awareness about the concepts of animals' welfare.

## **Specific Objectives**

The plan is composed of several projects integrating together to achieve our goals, First we must implement a dog census to provide a reliable data about the number of dogs in Khartoum state in general and the number of stray dogs in particular. This will help us to plan and design the coming future plans in a concrete base of information.

Capacity building program targeting the governmental and none governmental organizations that are involved in the area such as the veterinary authorities' and hospitals, local municipality, universities, environment defenders ...etc is critical for the progress and improvement of the program.

The program should increase the awareness of the senior staff and decision makers to deal with TNR (Trapp, neuter and return) project positively, it must also provide proper training for veterinarians, catching and handling staffs that are going to implement the TNR project. Equipping the veterinary hospital in Khartoum state to qualify them for hosting this project in terms of kennels, theatre and tools is an vital need to put the project into practice.

Vaccination and tagging the vaccinated dogs will be included during the TNR project.

Environmental treatments such as garbage control around the big markets and food stores, will act an important role in drying the sources that stray dogs can depend on to maintain their lives, these treatments are compulsory to be accompanied with the TNR for time economy and efficiency of the project.

The project duration is tending to continue for five years, this estimation is very approximate; it might be more or less according to the census. Regular monitoring and evaluation of the project is an essential activity to assess the improvement of the TNR project and to make sure that it is moving on the right track.

By the end of the TNR project a shelter should be established to host the remaining numbers of stray and abandoned dogs is expected to be a very limited numbers, dogs re-homing and adoption encouragement program should set up in parallel with the shelter to provide new homes and families for those dogs.

In brief the members of the African Centre for Veterinary Consultancy are doing their best to achieve the following objectives:-

- 1- Population count of the stray dog in Khartoum state as a first step towards covering the whole cities in the country.
- 2- Enhance the capacity of the different stakeholders working in the field of animals.
- 3- Implementation of TNR program including stray dogs vaccination tagging and veterinary care campaigns.
- 4- Establishment of dogs' shelter and re-adopting programs for the abandoned dogs.
- 5- Providing Registration and regular veterinary care for the adopted animals