

Managing free-roaming dog population in Bhutan – A unique journey



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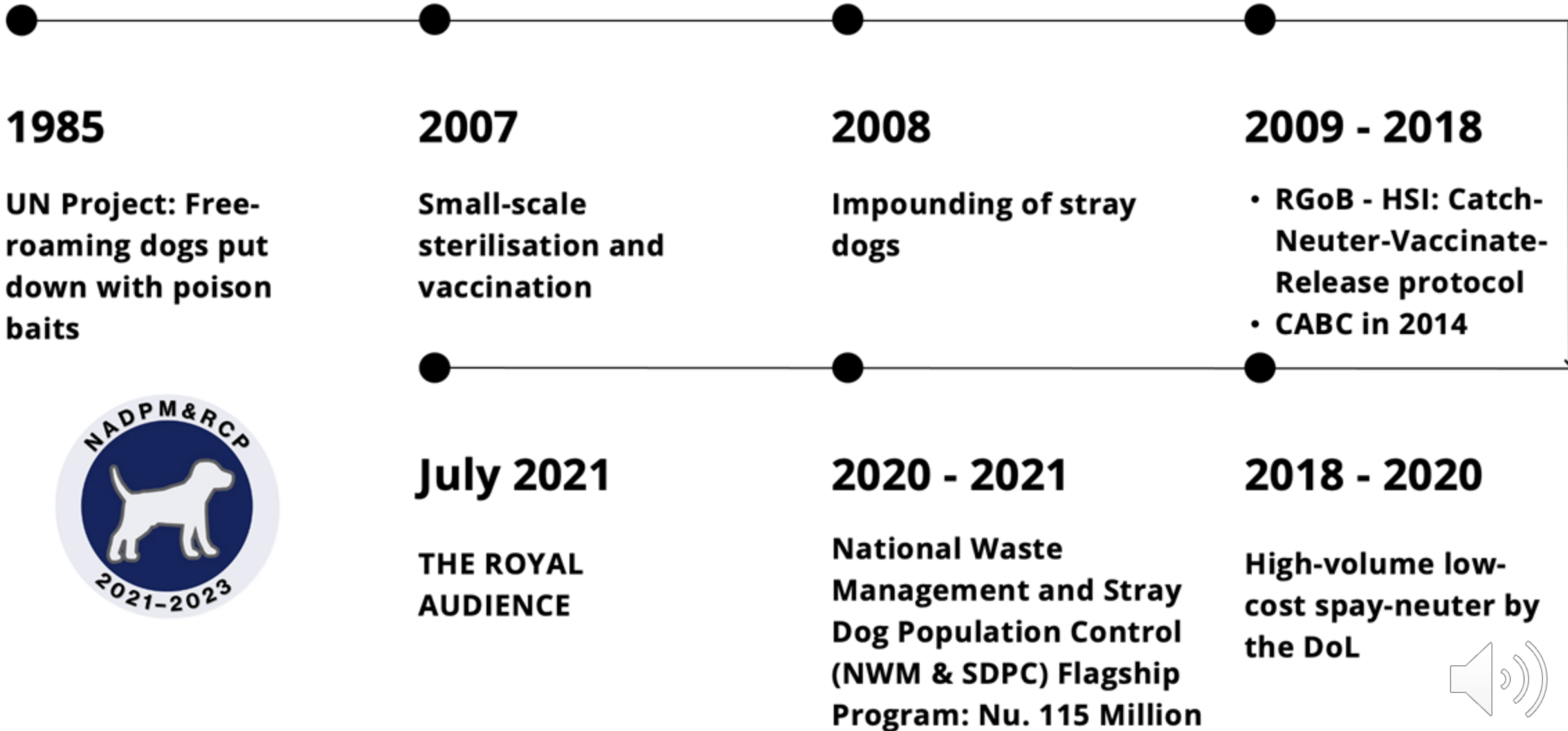
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Nationwide accelerated Dog Population Management and Rabies Control Programme (NADPM and RCP)



History





NADPM&RCP

OBJECTIVES

- 01** Achieve 100 percent free-roaming dog sterilization and eventual freedom from free-roaming dogs
- 02** Ensure responsible pet ownership through digital identification and registration of all pet dogs
- 03** Manage feral dog population

- 04** Control rabies through intensified vaccination campaigns and achieve the global goal of "0 by 30" - zero human death due to dog-mediated rabies
- 05** Conserve native Chang-khyi breed



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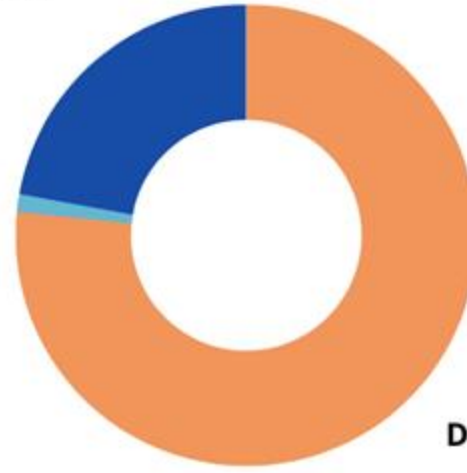
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Livestock Officials
321

DoFPS Foresters
18



De-suups
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HR Capacity Building: OJTs



OJT, Thimphu



Procurement and Distribution

Equipment, Medicines and Consumables



Direct procurement of specialized medicines from Australia and Thailand, dart guns and accessories from Denmark, and microchip scanners from the US



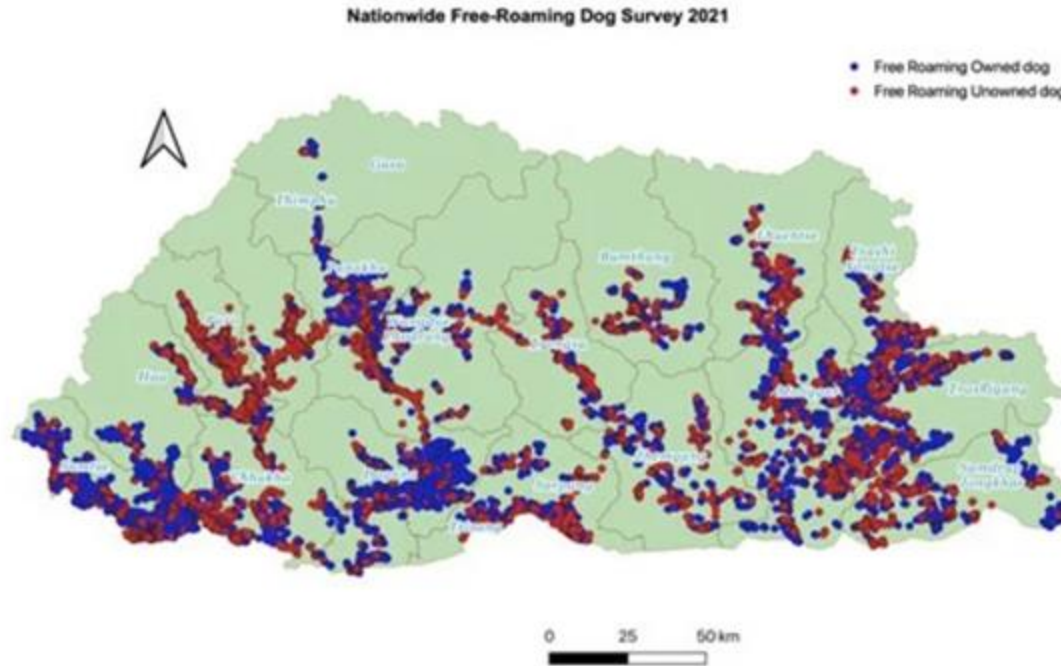
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NATIONWIDE SURVEY



Total FRDs Sighted = **72621**
Owned FRDs = **26951** Unowned FRDs = **45670**
Unneutered Owned = **16170** Unneutered Unowned = **28224**

Target Population to Neuter = **44390**





The LAUNCH

On **March 29th, 2022**, **Hon'ble Prime Minister** DASHO DR LOTAY TSHERING launched the nationwide program.

Also at the launch were Laytshog Lopen of the Zhung Dratshang; Hon'ble Minister Yeshey

Penjor, Secretary, MoAL, Thimphu Dzongda, De-suung Director General, Director, Department of

Livestock and other officials from the Department of Livestock and De-suung.

Subsequently, the program was launched in other Dzongkhags.



PROGRAM PHASES & TIMELINE

29 Mar - 1 May 2022

21 May - 21 Jun 2022

15 Jul 2022 - 18 Jun 2023

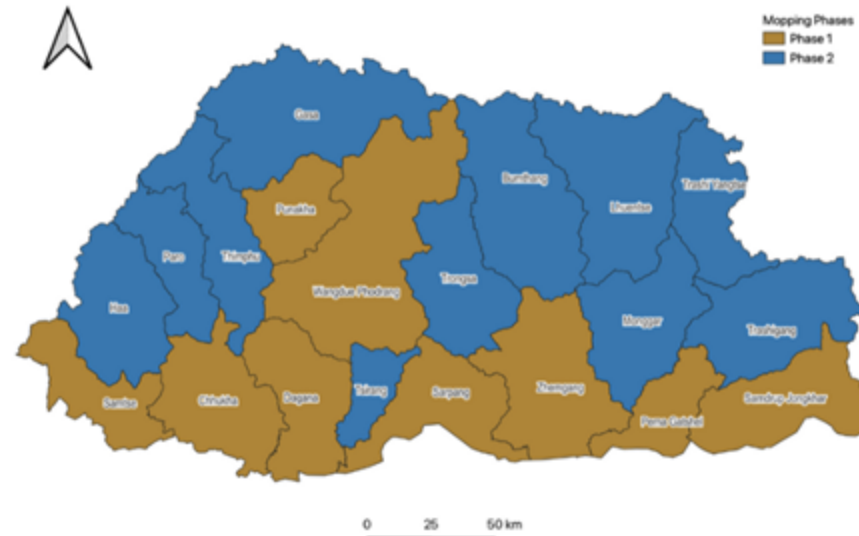
24 Nov 2022 - 9 Oct 2023

NATION-WIDE

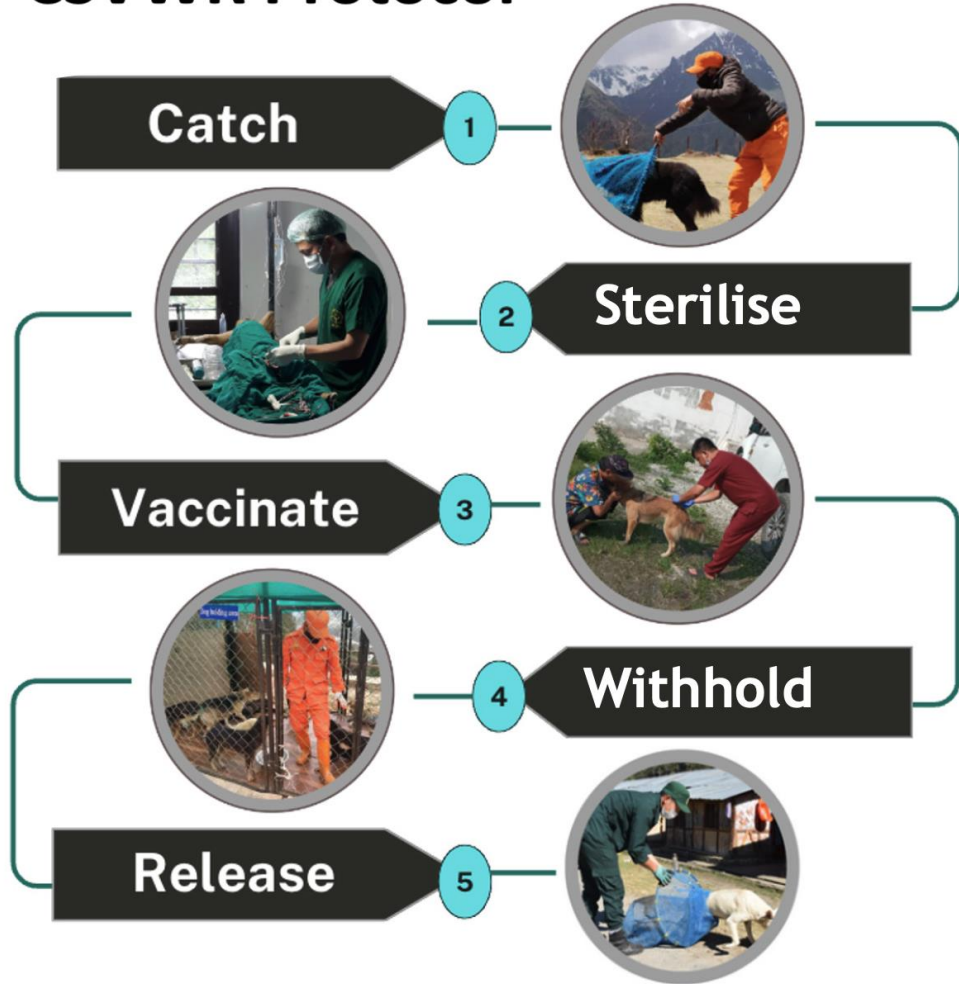
MOPPING

COMBING

100% Coverage
Application, Assessment
and Endorsement



CSVWR Protocol



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CONSULTATIONS





FIELD IMPLEMENTATION

Sterilization





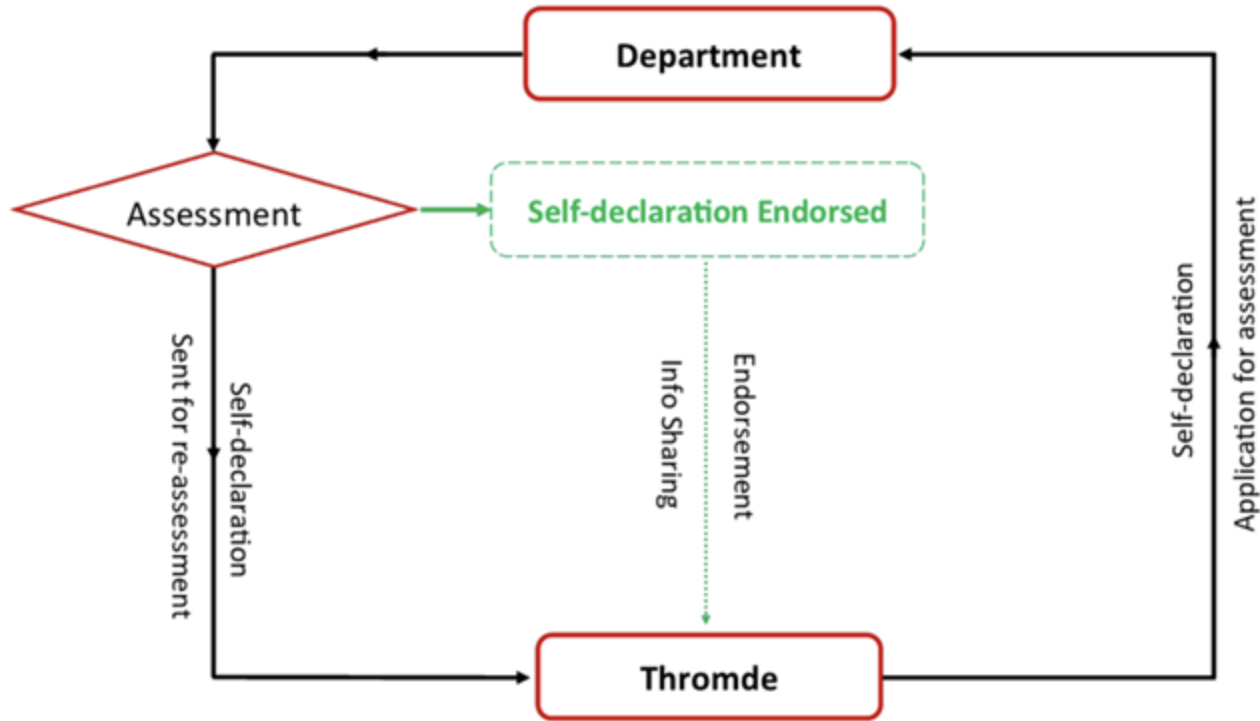
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Pet Registration

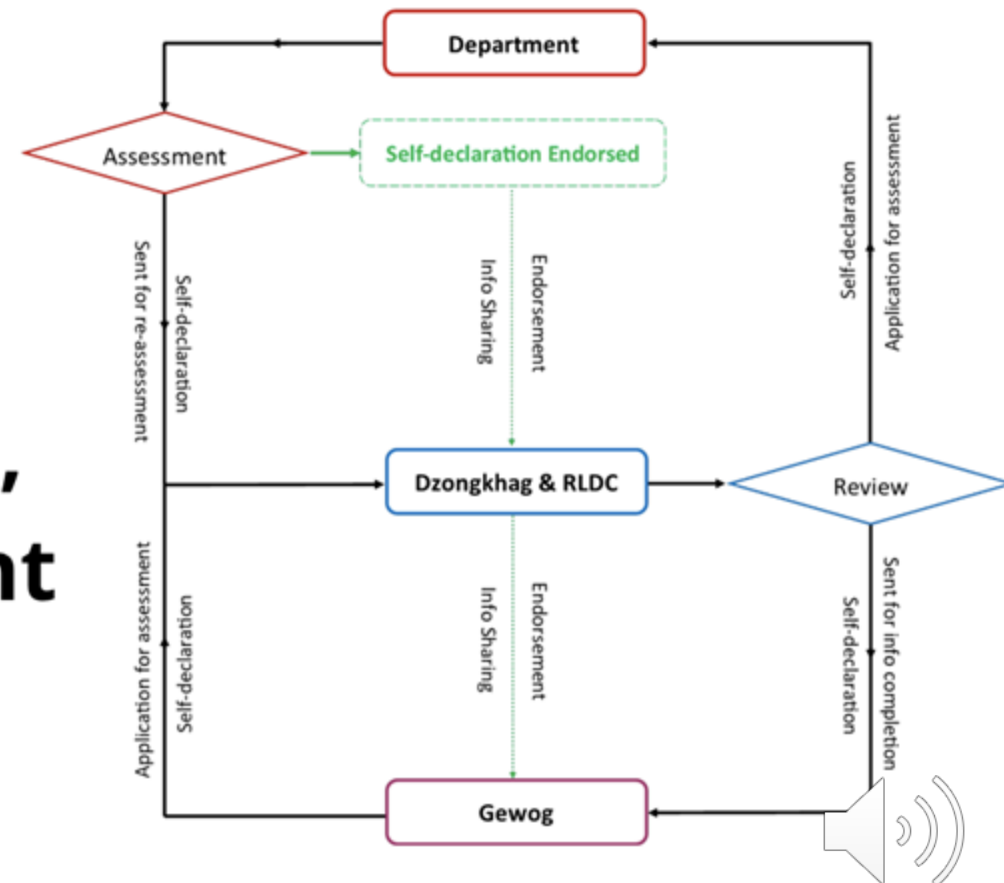


FIELD VISITS





Self-Declaration Application, Assessment and Endorsement Process Flow

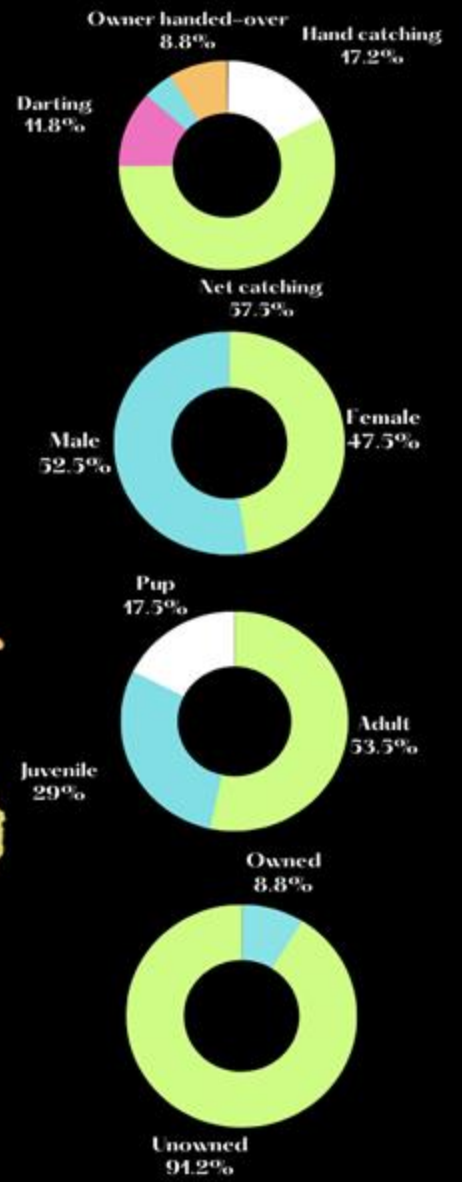


STERILIZATION PROGRESS



61,680
dogs sterilised

61,331
dogs vaccinated against rabies



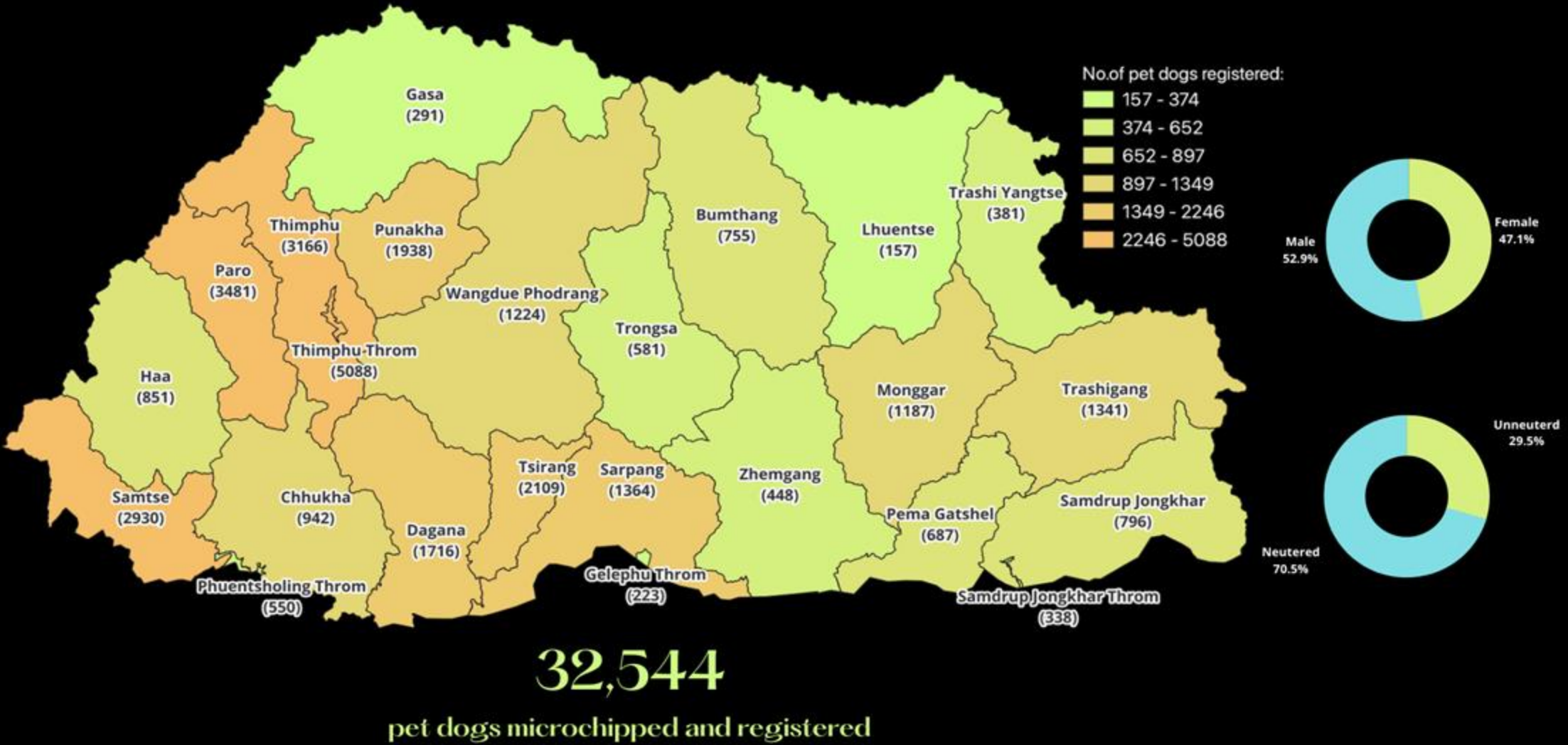
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PET DOG REGISTRATION PROGRESS



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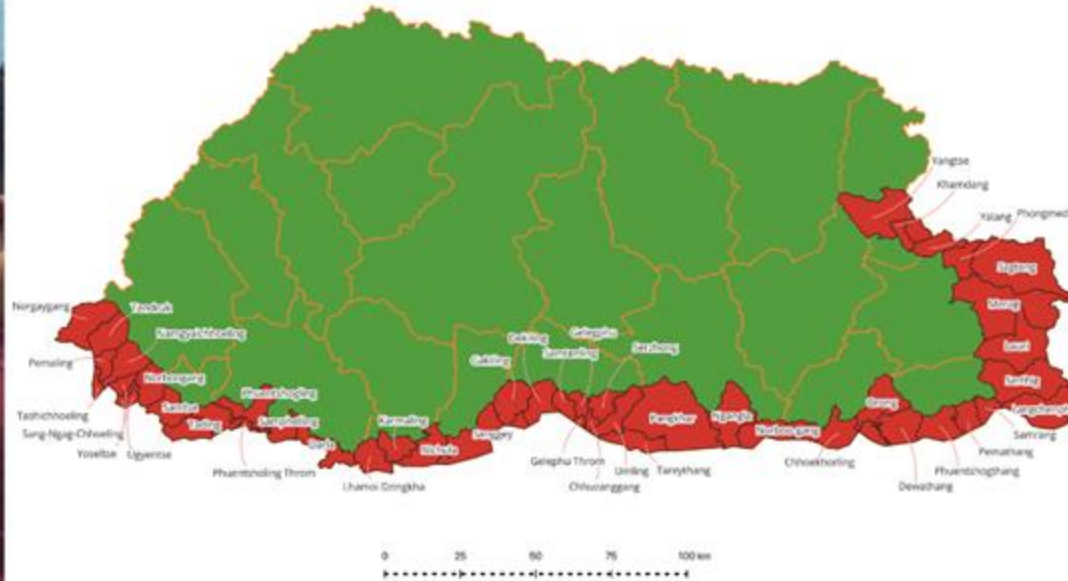
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Rabies Risk Zones:

- High Risk
- Low Risk



MDV & ADVOCACY



Conservation Centre and Dog Shelters



Nakulu Dog Shelter, Thimphu



Chang-Khyi Conservation Centre, Thimphu



Bjishigang Dog Shelter, Paro



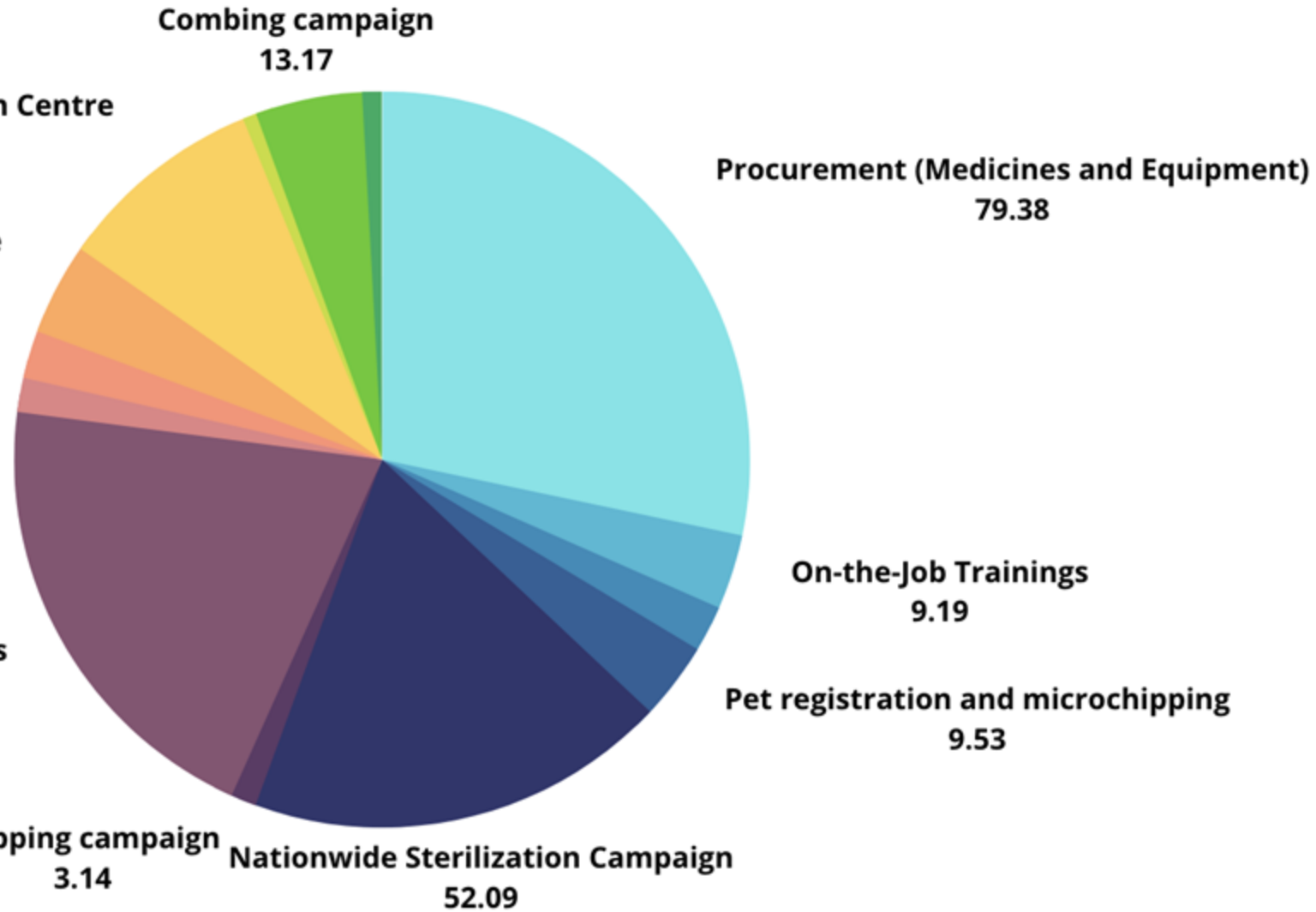
BUDGET EXPENDITURE (M Nu.)



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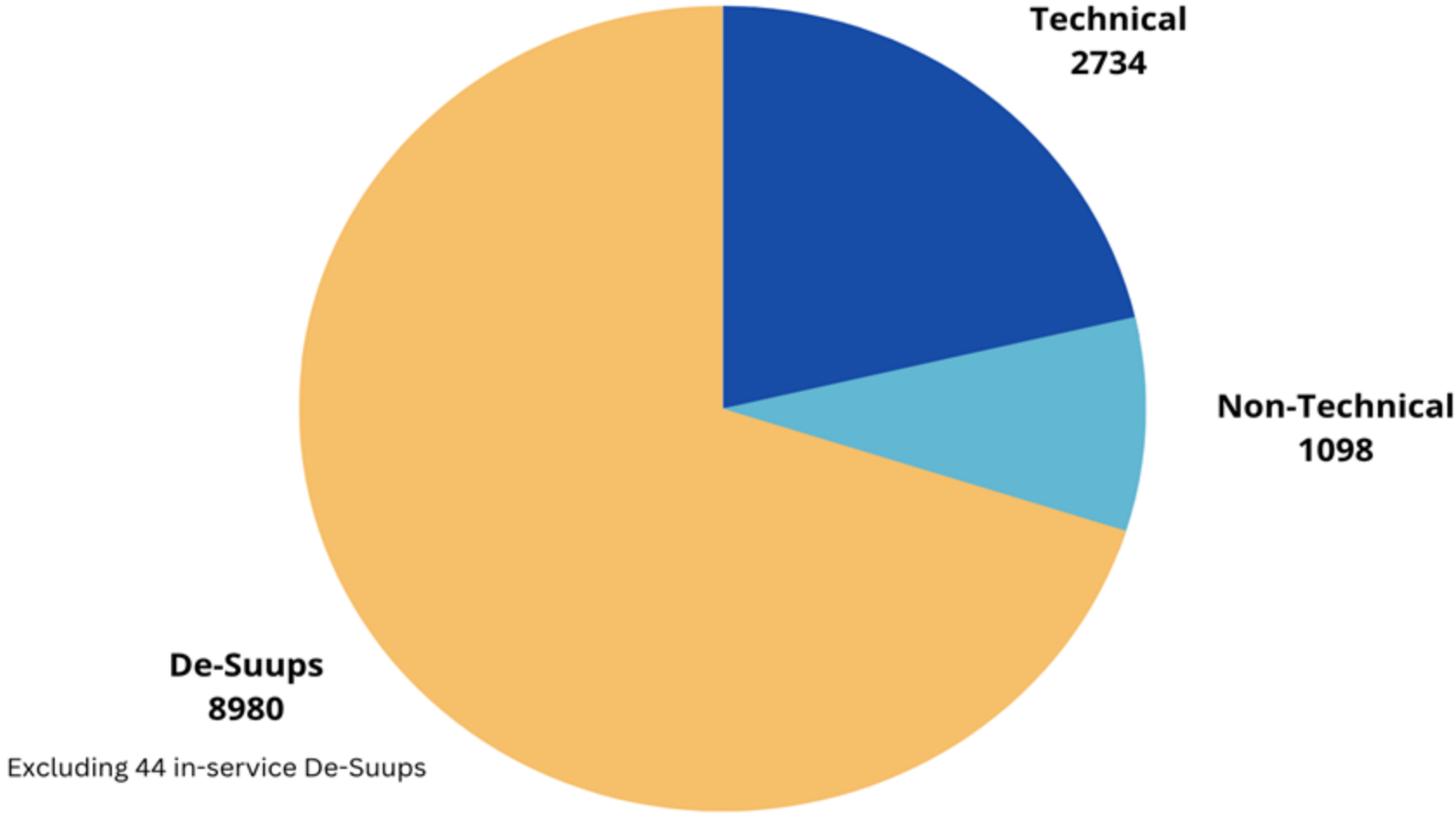
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Total = 280.40 Million



HR ENGAGEMENT



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A special mention

Royal Highland Festival
2023



His Majesty King Jigme Khesar
Namgyel Wangchuck ✓

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The highly successful [ADPM & RCP_Bhutan](#) programme to manage stray dog populations across Bhutan, carried out by the Department of Livestock with support from De-suung, had an information booth at the festival to spread awareness on responsible dog ownership.





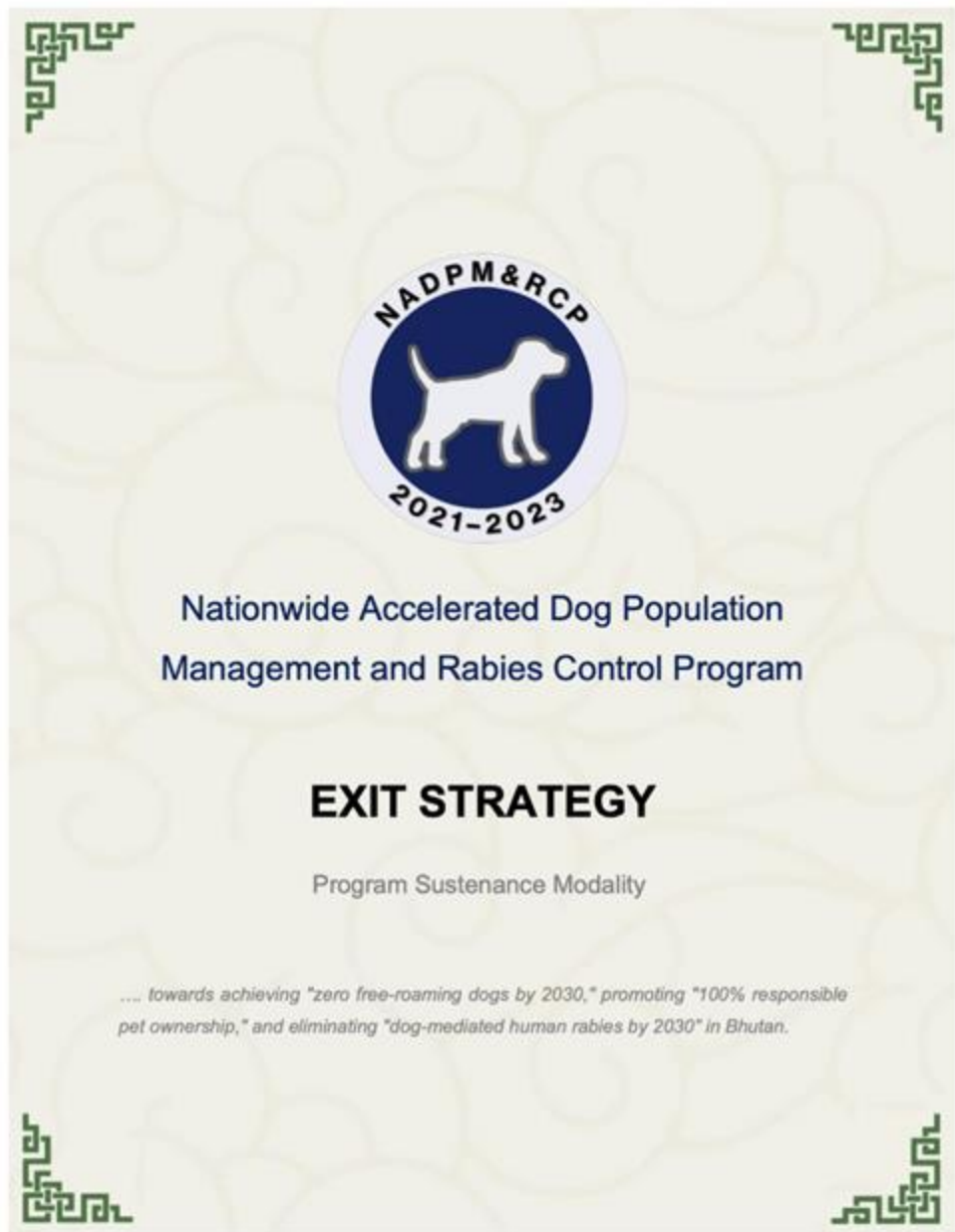
Closing Ceremony



Thimphu

27 Oct 2023



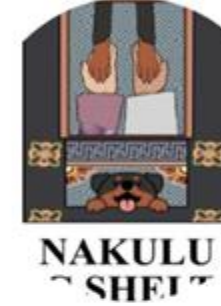


The Exit Strategy

Program Sustenance Modality

... towards achieving "zero free-roaming dogs by 2030," promoting "100% responsible pet ownership," and eliminating "dog-mediated human rabies by 2030" in Bhutan.





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