

Focus on Municipality Kennels in Romania

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New Dog Population Management Law

- Approved in September 2013 after 5 years of legislative gap
- Main provisions: dogs to be euthanised after 14 days, no roaming dogs allowed, compulsory identification, registration and sterilization of owned dogs
- Entered into force end of December 2013



Law Guidelines

- Formulated by ANSVSA (National Veterinary Authority)
- Practical support for the Law enforcement
- Contains details on dogs' capture, transport, hosting and euthanasia
- Key role for municipality kennels



Municipality Kennels in Romania

- Public kennels (ANSVSA): 80
- Managed by Municipalities: 62
- Managed by private companies: 18
- Official capacity: 23.532



The map of Romania



Legal framework: are guidelines
being enforced so far?

Let's have a look...



Dogs Accomodation

*“Animals will be separated
according to their state of health”*



Craiova (January 2014)



Onesti (November 2014)



Galati (February 2014)



Dogs Accomodation

“Floors must be inclined to allow the water to run away and must be made of concrete for an easy disinfection.”

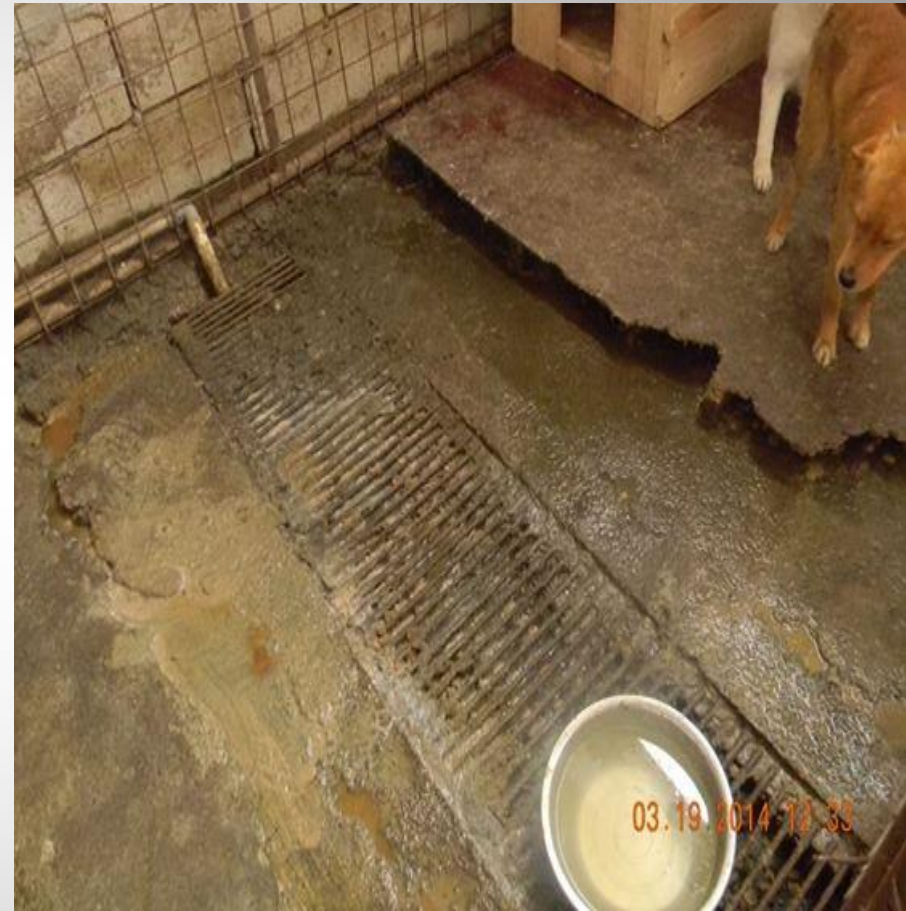
“All pens must be daily cleaned up and disinfected”.



Bacau (March 2014)



Targu Jiu (March 2014)



Braila (November 2013)



Gherla (February 2014)



Dogs' Feeding

“Dogs’ feaces must not enter in contact with food.”



Craiova (February 2014)



Targu Jiu (March 2014)



Dogs' Accommodation

“Common pens may host up to 4 dogs per 6,5 sm.”



Cornetu (January 2014)



Pallady - Bucharest (February 2014)



Bucov (March 2014)



Dogs' Accomodation

“External pens must be covered.”



Radauti (December 2013)



Bacau (March 2014)



But what happens before the dogs get in these places?

“During dogs capture, handling, loading inside the vehicles and their transportation it is forbidden:

- *animal beating, pricking, wounding or mutilation under any circumstance*
- *any handling that might cause useless suffering or pain”.*



Barlad (March 2014)



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Bucharest (March 2014)



Other Law Provisions

- Compulsory sterilization of owned dogs: to be started
- Creation of a national canine register: activated on March the 26°, 2014.
Still unclear how it works
- Compulsory identification and registration of owned dogs: to be started



Conclusions

- Clearly no enforcement of the law nationwide
- Extremely low standards of municipality kennels. Welfare of the dogs non-existing
- Severe abuses reported both by national press and AW groups
- High level of corruption among DSV officials (local Veterinary Departments)



Conclusions

- Positive signals?
 1. ANSVSA checked 74 public kennels (>50% not complying with Law)
 2. ANSVSA created an animal police department with local representatives in each county
 3. ANSVSA opened a strong dialogue with several foreign animal welfare organizations



We Have a Dream...



Germany?



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No, Romania!