



REPUBLIC OF SERBIA
Ministry of Agriculture,
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Animal Health and Welfare Department



**ANIMAL WELFARE STRATEGY AND LEGISLATION IN
REPUBLIC OF SERBIA**



STRATEGY OBJECTIVES

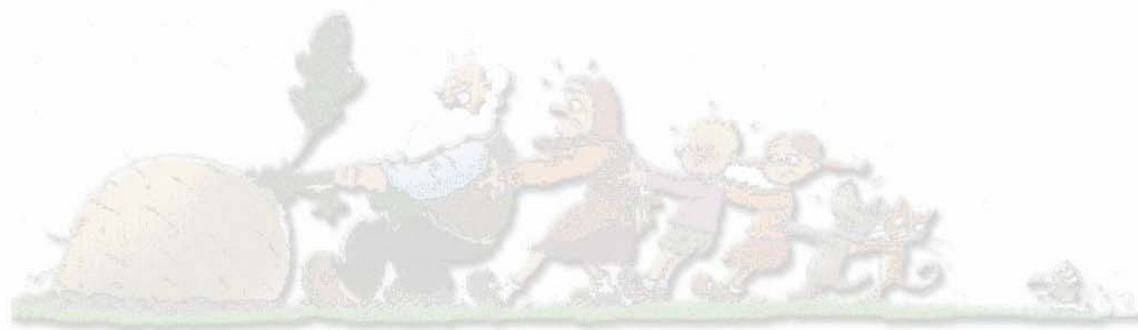
EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

ECONOMICAL ASPECT

SOCIAL ASPECT

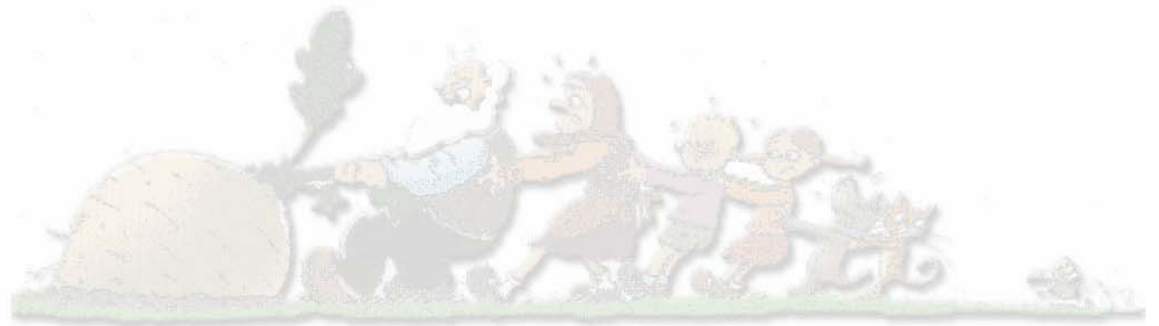
- HEALTH AND SAFETY
- SOCIAL VALUES

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT



METHODS FOR ACHIEVING THE GOALS

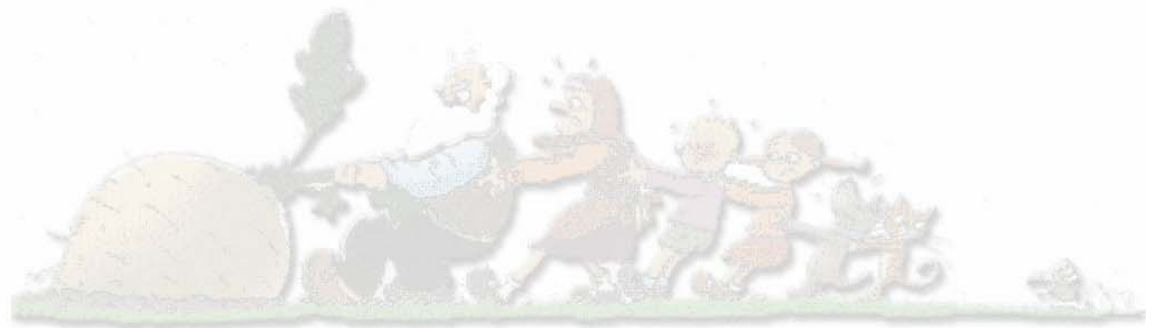
1. CLEAR VISION AND OBJECTIVES
2. TRAINING AND EDUCATION
3. CAPACITY BUILDING
4. MATERIAL AND TECHNICAL PRECONDITIONS
5. LEGISLATION
6. CAPACITY BUILDING AND STRENGTHENING



ACHIEVED RESULTS

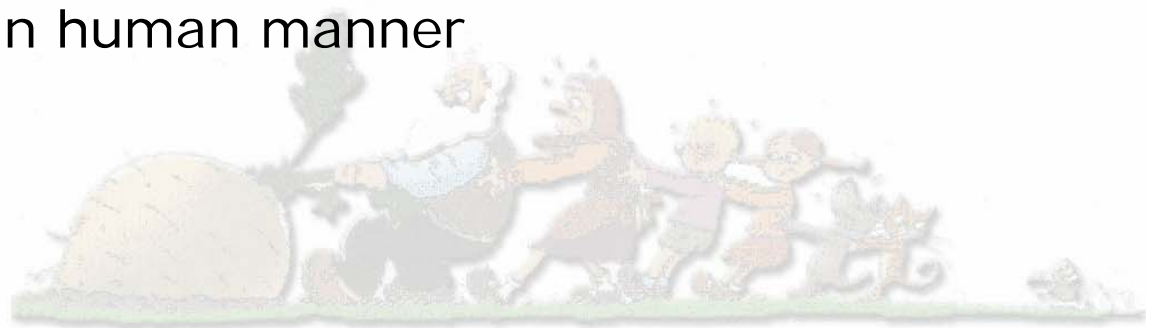
1. **Animal Welfare Law** ("Official Gazette of RS" No 41/09) which in comprehensive way regulates protection of animal welfare

- animals used in commercial purposes
- animals used in scientific, biomedical and educational purposes
- animals used in exhibitions, competitions and shows
- animals used in labour purposes and official animals
- pet animals
- lost and abandoned animals
- wild animals in captivity



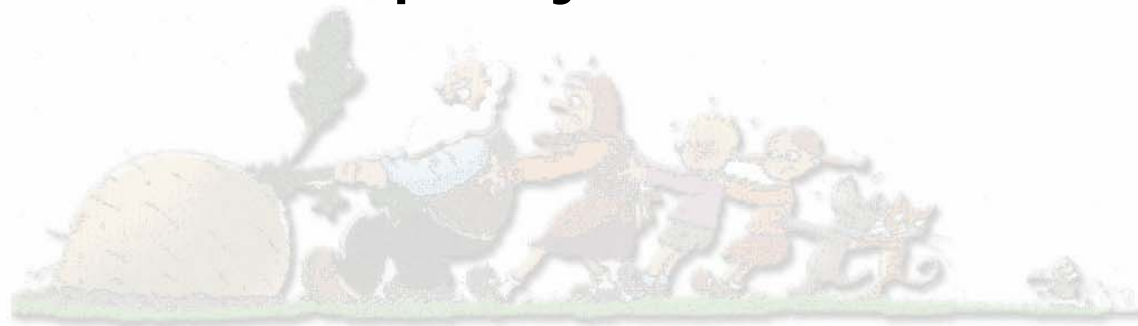
Law defines general animal welfare protection:

- care of animals
- prohibition of abuse
- animal fights
- exhibitions, competitions and shows
- using of animals in production of film
- doping of animals
- animal training
- welfare of animals intended for labour purposes
- interventions on animals
- killing of animals in human manner



Law defines specific animal welfare protection

- farm animal welfare
- animal welfare during the transport
- animal welfare at the time of slaughter
- welfare of experimental animals
- pet animal welfare
- welfare of lost and abandoned animals
- welfare of wild animals in captivity



ACHIEVED RESULTS

2. ADOPTED Regulation

- farm animal welfare ("Official Gazette of RS" No 6/10)
- welfare of animals at the time of slaughter and killing ("Official Gazette of RS" No 14/10)

3. PREPARED Regulation

- welfare of animals during the transport
- welfare of experimental animals
- welfare of animals in the zoo

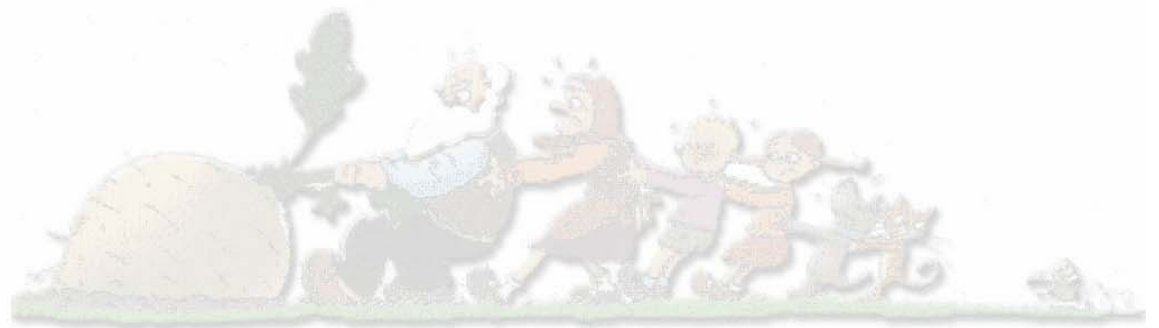
4. PROPOSAL of the Laws

- Law on ratification of European Convention for the protection of vertebrate animals used for experimental and other scientific purposes (ETS 123)
- Law on ratification of European Convention for the protection of pet animals (ETS 125).



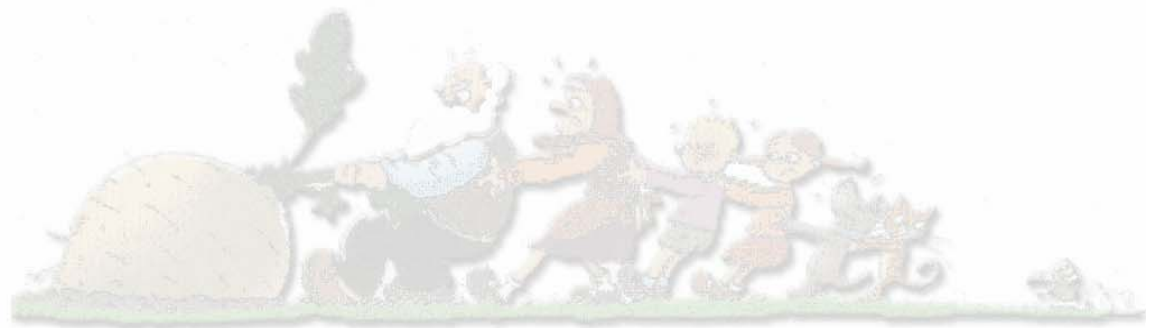
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5. **First Resolution on the Protection of Animals** (ORCA, 2005)
6. **Criminal Code of Republic of Serbia** ("Official Gazette of RS" No 85/05)
7. **National Strategy for Sustainable Development** ("Official Gazette of RS" No 57/2008)
8. **Action plan for implementation of National Strategy for Sustainable Development of Republic of Serbia** („Official Gazette of RS" No 22/09)
9. **Law on Protection of Nature** ("Official Gazette of RS" No 36/09)
10. **Law on Animal Husbandry** ("Official Gazette of RS" No 41/09)



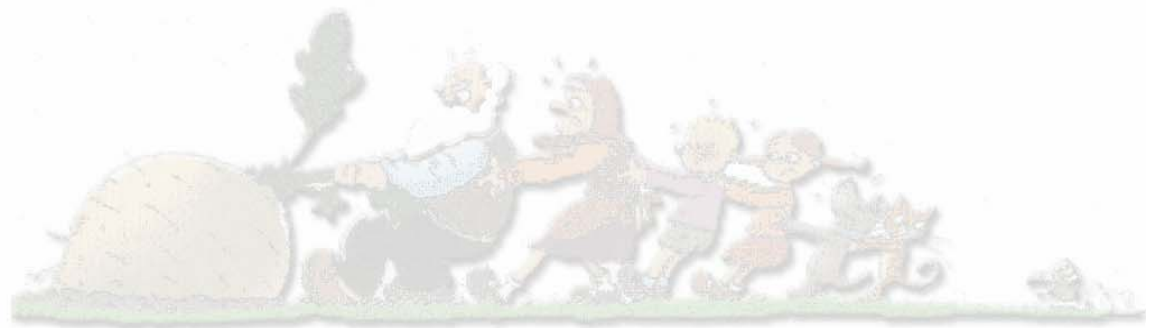
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11. **National Program for Integration in EU**
12. **Law on Amendments to the Criminal Code** ("Official Gazette of RS" No 72/09)
13. **Law on Educational System** ("Official Gazette of RS" No 72/09)
14. **Conclusion of the Government of Republic of Serbia on supporting the adoption on Universal Declaration on protection of animals** (December 24, 2009)



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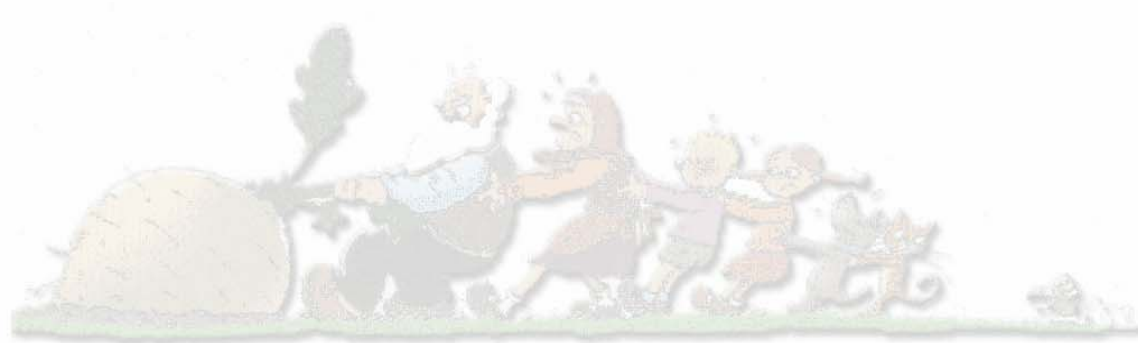
15. **Established Coordination team for implementation of regulations related to animal welfare** (Republican Public Prosecutor Office, Ministry of Internal Affairs of Republic of Serbia, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management (Animal Health and Welfare Department and Veterinary Inspection Department), Organization for Respect and Care for Animals – ORCA)
16. **Ethical Council for Protection of Experimental Animals**



FUTURE STEPS

CAPACITY BUILDING

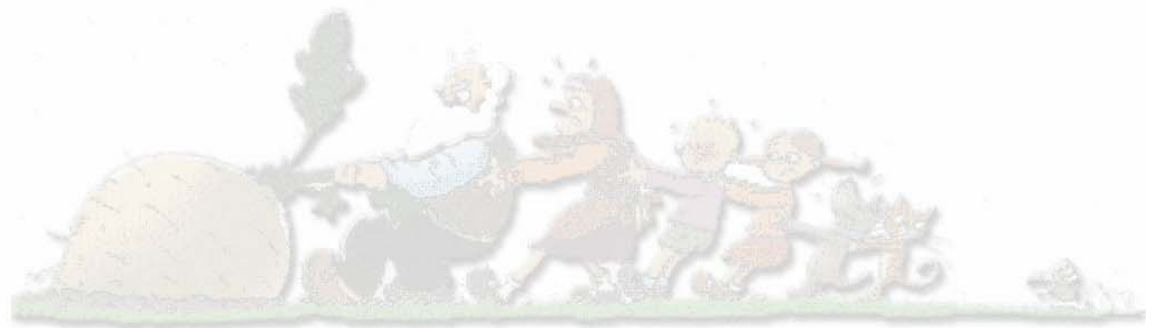
- Institutions that implements the policy
- Institutions that supervise the implementation of policy



FUTURE STEPS

Advancement of legal protection of animals

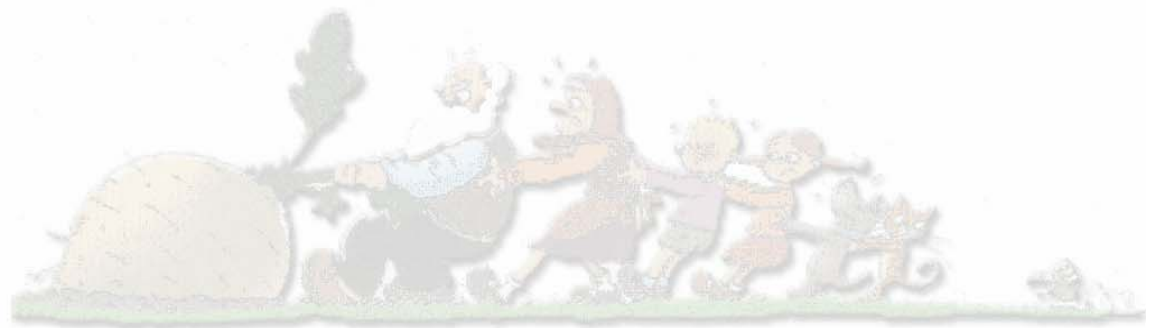
- including the provision on animal protection in the Constitution of Republic of Serbia
- ratification of EU Conventions
- advancement of criminal and legal protection of animals
- harmonization of Regulations of cities and municipalities with new Regulations under the authority provided by the Animal Welfare Law



FUTURE STEPS

COOPERATION

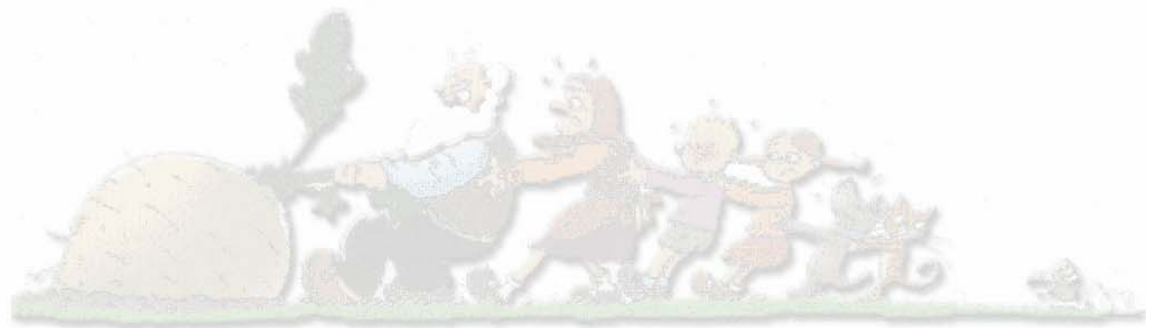
- Ministry of Internal Affairs
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Science
- Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning
- Media and journalists
- NGO



FUTURE STEPS

SHORT-TERM PRIORITIES

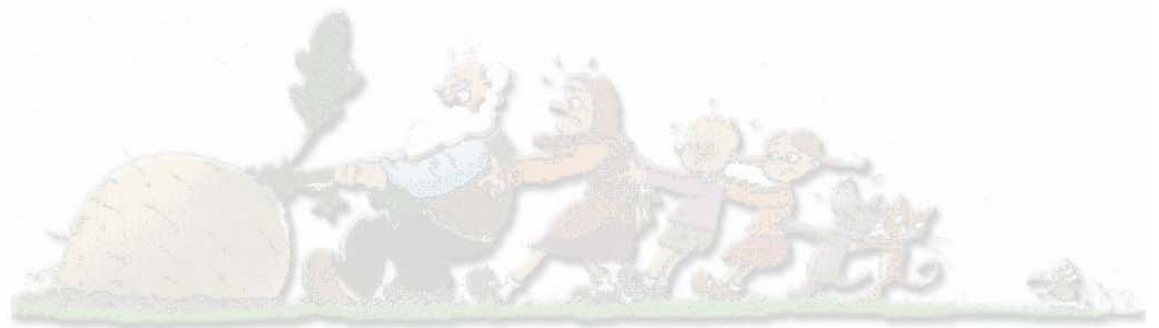
- **LEGISLATION** - further harmonization and adoption of the regulations
 - implementation of the regulations
- starting of the **implementation of training and professional development** in the field of animal welfare for :
 - Veterinary Directorate
 - direct participants in the implementation of regulations
 - indirect participants in the implementation of regulation
 - **raising awareness**
 - **inclusion of education** about animal welfare into the curriculum



FUTURE STEPS

MEDIUM-TERM PRIORITIES

- preparation of **action plans for resolving the problems detected** in some areas of animal welfare protection (domestic animals, experimental animals, keeping of wild animals in captivity, pet animals and abandoned animals etc.), on the basis of National Strategy on Animal Welfare Protection in Republic of Serbia
- preparation of **Animal Welfare Strategy**





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