

Successes & Challenges
of
Dog Sterilization Programme
2008



METHODOLOGY

FIELD MODEL

- *Strategic planning by the Provincial Director's Office, Directive by the Deputy Provincial Director's office.*
- *Implemented by Medical Officer of Health Division/Divisional Director of Health Services*
- *Guidance by the MOH*
- *Leadership for implementation by PHI*
- *Public Health Midwife assists in the program*
- *MOH programmes & community awareness*
- *Six to Twelve clinics conducted per day*
- *One Vet & one assistant in each clinic – more according to number of stray dogs*
- *Dog Catchers used depending on requirements*
- *Rabies Vaccinations also done in some districts maximizing use of resources*







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SURGICAL PROCEDURE

- *Clinical check carried out for general fitness in stray dogs*
- *Medical History of owned dogs*
- *Physical examination carried out to verify if sterilized*
- *Under general anesthesia*
- *Incision of 0.5cm – 1 cm using spay hook*
- *Long acting antibiotics inserted into peritoneum*
- *Animal kept under observation until consciousness regained*



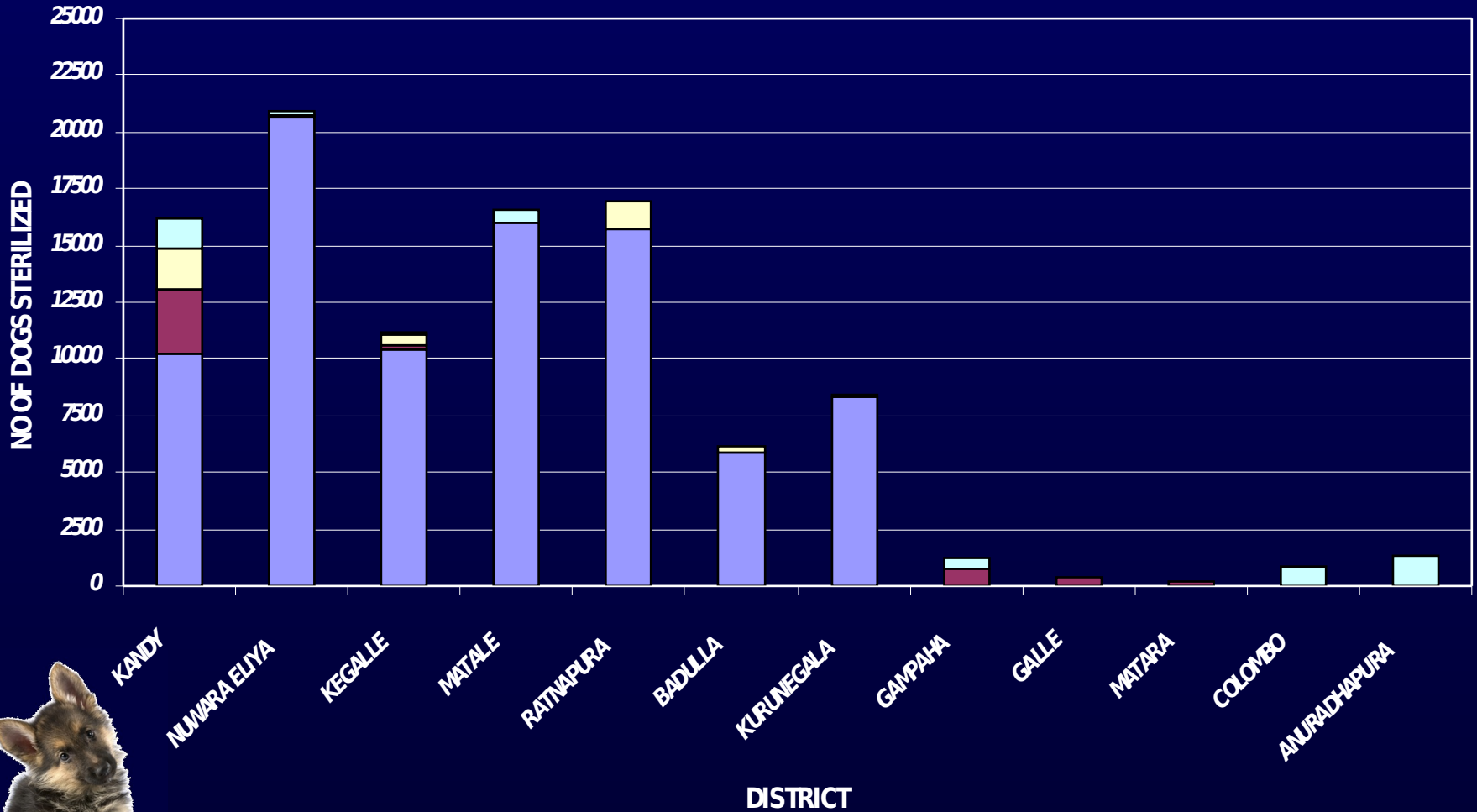






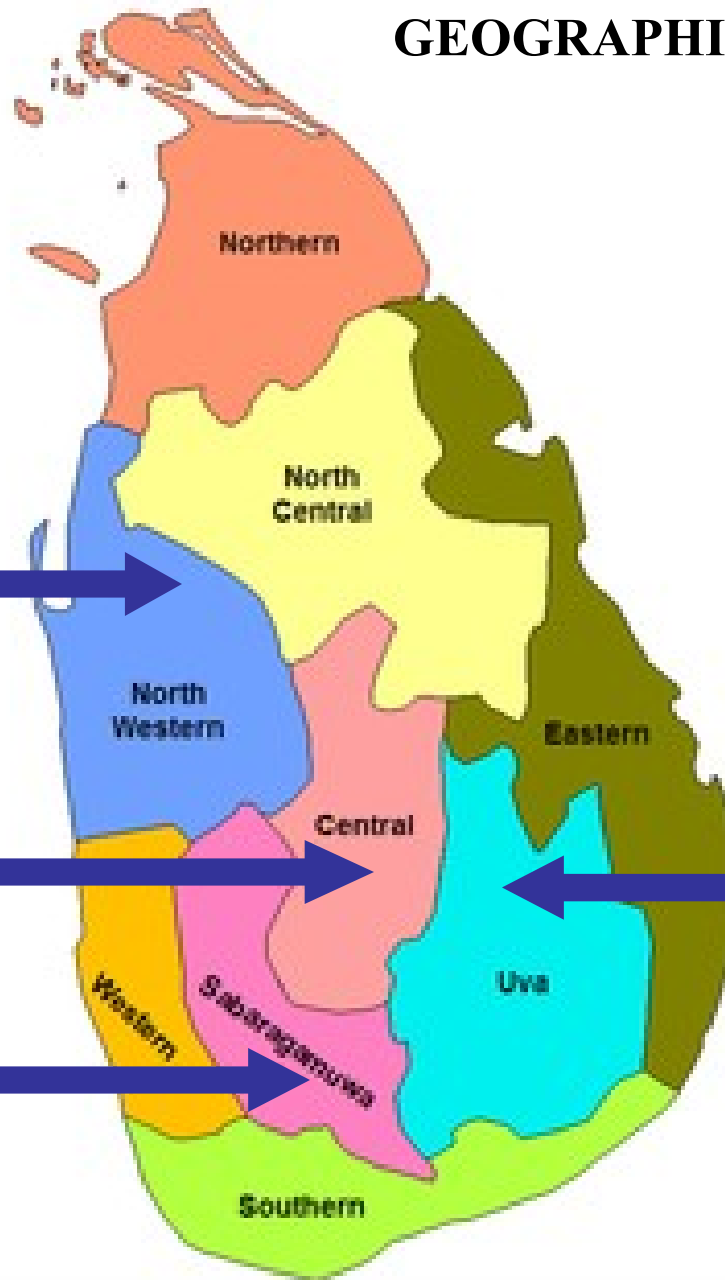
STATISTICS

DISTRICT SUMMARY



■ UNDER GOVT. PROJECT ■ WITH NGO ■ OUR VET CLINICS ■ RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE



Half Completed

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District & MOH fully covered



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GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE

- *84 MOH Divisions completed. Average of 30% of dog population sterilized*
- *Localized coverage of Colombo, Gampaha, Galle, Anuradhapura & Matara through NGO partnerships*

SEX DISAGGREGATION

- *Under Government program almost 100% female*
- *NGO and individual sponsorship equal numbers of male and female*

OWNERSHIP

- *According to statistics from Govt. program & NGO
83% owned and 17% community dogs*



LESSONS LEARNT

- *Lack of awareness from officials & community*
- *Failure to accept responsibility in authorizing documents, lack of clear and comprehensive circular*
- *Absence of proper financial procedures for release of payments*

BEST PRACTICES

- *Matale the best example of teamwork & leadership from DPDHS down to the office labourer*
- *Recognizing leadership at official level. For example the Rabies PHI in Nuwara-eliya & Regional Epidemiologist in Ratnapura*
- *The partnership with SOFA an animal NGO in Kandy was a good example of complementary partnership*
- *Partnership between Local Government bodies and Provincial Health Departments encouraged teamwork & friendship which resulted in successful programs*



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2009

GOVERNMENT AT CENTRAL MINISTRY LEVEL

- *A dedicated focal point to deal with finances of the program*
- *A proper circular to be formulated which includes responsibilities, financial management & evaluation, integration with rabies vaccination programme*
- *Quarterly review to be conducted with team and relevant provincial heads*
- *Ministry media unit to conduct an awareness programme throughout the country*
- *Laws on responsible pet ownership be formulated*
- *A proper identification of sterilized pet animals to be agreed upon*

GOVERNMENT AT PROVINCIAL LEVEL

- *Responsibility of program to be officially assigned to RE*
- *This activity should be included under the duty list of the PHI's. An incentive or form of recognition also to be considered*



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VETERINARY TEAM

- *Post surgical visits should be undertaken to respective areas two weeks after programme is completed*
- *Monthly bulletin should be produced and circulated among stakeholders*
- *Improved data management*
- *Complementary partnerships with NGO to fill the gaps in the programme*



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