



# Veterinary Chamber of Serbia

## VCS Report on the current situation about the veterinary practices and interventions in the flood affected area in Serbia

The Veterinary Chamber of Serbia prepared the questionnaire in order to determine the needs in immediate help in the flood affected areas. It was sent on Sunday evening to several hundreds of veterinary practices in Serbia, both in affected and non-affected area. So far we got 40 replies from the field, in next days we expect much more.

There are 4.400 veterinarians in Serbia (6 vets/10.000 inhabitants, almost double the EU average) 3.600 veterinarians are licensed, and mostly involved in practice.

### Preliminary results:

46% of vet practices that replied are seated in the affected area. Of those, 35% suffered practice property damage caused by flood and landslide, and 83% had private property damage as well. Mainly buildings, accessory buildings, technical services of the buildings, vehicles, medical and material stock. One of the employees was moderately injured;

53% of the vet practices seated in the affected area are actively engaged in the immediate flood relief intervention. Others lost their means of work;

So far, as seen by the results, 14% of the practices are seated up to 5 km from the intervention area; 29% 5-10 km; 43% 10-25km; 7% 25-50 km. One is seated more than 100 km from the area in which they intervene; 80% have enough vehicles available.

More than 400 km of the roads and many bridges were damaged. Colleagues report that 10% of the routes they use for intervention are 0-25% passable, 30% are 25-50% passable, 40% are 75-90% passable and 20% of the roads are completely passable.

70% report that the medical supply is accessible fully, 20% is with difficulties, and 10% are not available and accessible. 70% of the practices that intervene in the affected area are fully equipped.

The nature of the interventions is the following:

- carcasses safety disposal 10%,
- terrain sanitation 12%,
- DDD 20%, vaccination 10%,
- Dg and therapy of cattle and farm animals 12%,
- Dg and therapy of dogs, cats etc. 10%,
- Euthanasia 5%,
- sampling for Dg purposes 7%,
- assessment and reporting 12%.

All the intervening practices received calls for intervention from citizens and NGOs, but only 78% were capable to intervene.



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Each of the vets and technicians spends from 5 to 12 hours daily in interventions, mostly 10 hours. The practice employees had from 60, 200 to 800 hours spent in intervention so far; they estimate that the need for further intervention will be 2 weeks more, but also 7-12 weeks in some areas.

44 % stressed the need for cattle food and feedstuff; 31% the need for dog and cat food; 19% for poultry and bird feed; 6% reported potable lack of potable water, for human or animal consumption.

## The current supply status and needs in veterinary medicals, medical agents and equipment of the intervening practices in the flood affected area:

- **Antibiotics:** 30% have enough, 50% will have the need soon, but not urgent; 20% need AB urgently.
- **Analgesics, antipyretics:** 33% enough, 67% will have the need soon, but not urgent;
- **Anesthetics:** 56% enough, 22% will have the need soon, but not urgent, 22% urgent need for moderate quantity;
- **Cortisol:** 67% enough, 11% will have the need soon, but not urgent, 22% urgent need for moderate quantity;
- **Infusion solutions:** 56% enough, 33% will have the need soon, but not urgent; 11% urgent need for moderate quantity;
- **Vitamin-mineral preparations:** 56% enough, 22% will have the need soon, but not urgent; 22% urgent need for moderate quantity;
- **Reproductive hormones:** 78% enough, 11% will have the need soon, but not urgent; 11% urgent need for moderate quantity;
- **Surgical disinfectants:** 40% enough, 50% will have the need soon, but not urgent, 10% urgent need for moderate quantity;
- **General disinfectants for objects, surfaces, equipment:** 40% will have the need soon, but not urgent; 30% urgent need for moderate quantity; 30% urgent need for large quantities;
- **Deratization agents:** 30% will have the need soon, but not urgent; 60% urgent need for moderate quantity; 10% urgent need for large quantities;
- **Insecticides:** 30% will have the need soon, but not urgent; 60% urgent need for moderate quantity; 10% urgent need for large quantities;
- **Bandages and compresses:** 22% have enough; 78% will have the need soon, but not urgent;
- **Surgical masks:** 44% have enough; 22% will have the need soon, but not urgent; 33% urgent need for moderate quantity;
- **Masks for general protection (dust, etc.):** 56% will have the need soon, but not urgent; 44% urgent need for moderate quantity;
- **Disposable gloves:** 30% enough; 20% will have the need soon, but not urgent; 50% urgent need for moderate quantity;
- **Surgical gloves:** 56% enough; 22% will have the need soon, but not urgent; 22% urgent need for moderate quantity;
- **Gloves for handling of dogs and cats:** 11% have enough; 33% will have the need soon, but not urgent; 56% urgent need for moderate quantity;
- **Disposable protective suits:** 10% have enough; 30% will have the need soon, but not urgent; 50% urgent need for moderate quantity; 10% urgent need for large quantities;



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- **Surgical instruments, needles and thread:** 44% have enough; 44% will have the need soon, but not urgent; 11% urgent need for moderate quantity;
- **Syringes, needles:** 44% enough; 44% urgent need for moderate quantity; 11% urgent need for moderate quantity;
- **Disinfection devices, sprayers:** 10% enough; 20% will have the need soon, but not urgent; 60% urgent need for moderate quantity; 10% urgent need for large quantity;
- **Vaccines and serums:** 33% have enough; 44% will have the need soon, but not urgent; 22% urgent need for moderate quantity;

The Veterinary Chamber of Serbia will determine supplies and, if needed, issue the call for international donations in medicals and other material. The procedures for such donations are complicated, but VCS will be ready to follow them.

Financial donations are welcome immediately, as we need means to buy all the available necessities, gasoline for the vehicles of volunteers etc.

VCS opened the USD and EUR accounts for international donations which are attached separately.

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