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Introduction



Courtesy of the ALMNP

Some of the diseases that are potentially dangerous for bears, such as **distemper**, **parvovirus**, **leptospirosis**, **infective canine hepatitis**, may be transmitted by dogs.

The occurrence of a transmission can be dramatically reduced thanks to vaccinations and the correct management of farmers' dogs.

Packs of stray dogs may be a threat for the bear cubs, as shown in this picture from ALMNP.

Goals



- **Main goal:**

Conservation of the genetic variability of this subspecies and its ecosystems.

- **Specific goals:**

Eliminate causes of death by transmission of diseases from dogs.

Actions



- Raise awareness of people and local institutions on the importance of a correct sanitary management of dogs and domestic animals, for the endangered wildlife and for public health;
- Support the registration of dogs in the Canine Registry by providing free microchips;
- Prevent dogs from becoming stray, by means of free spaying and neutering campaigns;
- Raise awareness on the Marsican brown bear conservation issues.

Area of intervention



The Project will be carried out in the current home range of the Marsican brown bear. This area encompasses about 1,500 – 2,500 sq km, and it consists of three Regions (Abruzzo, Molise and Lazio). From a sanitary perspective it involves:

- 3 Regional Veterinary Services,
- 2 Istituti Zooprofilattici Sperimentali (veterinary public health institutes),
- 5 ASL (NHS primary care trust).

Dog vaccinations and registrations



- Where possible and in agreement with local authorities, an ambulatory or a room for microchipping and registration was identified;
- A vaccination calendar was redacted, in the main municipalities of the bear home range, in agreement with the relative mayors and Veterinary Services of the NHS primary care trusts.

Communication

Il cane vaccinato è... il miglior amico dell'orso!



L'Associazione **Salviamo l'Orso**, in collaborazione con la **Regione Abruzzo** e l'**ASREM molisana**, organizza due giornate di vaccinazioni e microchippatura gratuite per i cani da lavoro, da caccia e di compagnia a **Capracotta** e **Castel Del Giudice**. L'obiettivo è immunizzare la popolazione canina di quest'area ed impedire così che le patologie tipiche dei cani, a cominciare dal cimurro, possano diventare un pericolo anche per la preziosa fauna selvatica, principalmente lupi ed orsi. L'intervento è reso possibile dal contributo versato a questo scopo da **PATAGONIA** e dalla **FONDAZIONE TIDES**.

Martedì 26 Agosto 2014

Garage comunale - Via Marconi
CAPRACOTTA (IS)

Venerdì 29 Agosto 2014

Garage comunale - Via Fontana vecchia
CASTEL DEL GIUDICE (IS)

Il Veterinario dell'Associazione somministrerà i vaccini, provvederà se necessario a microchippare il cane e fornirà al suo padrone un libretto sanitario dove continuare a registrare negli anni a venire le successive immunizzazioni.

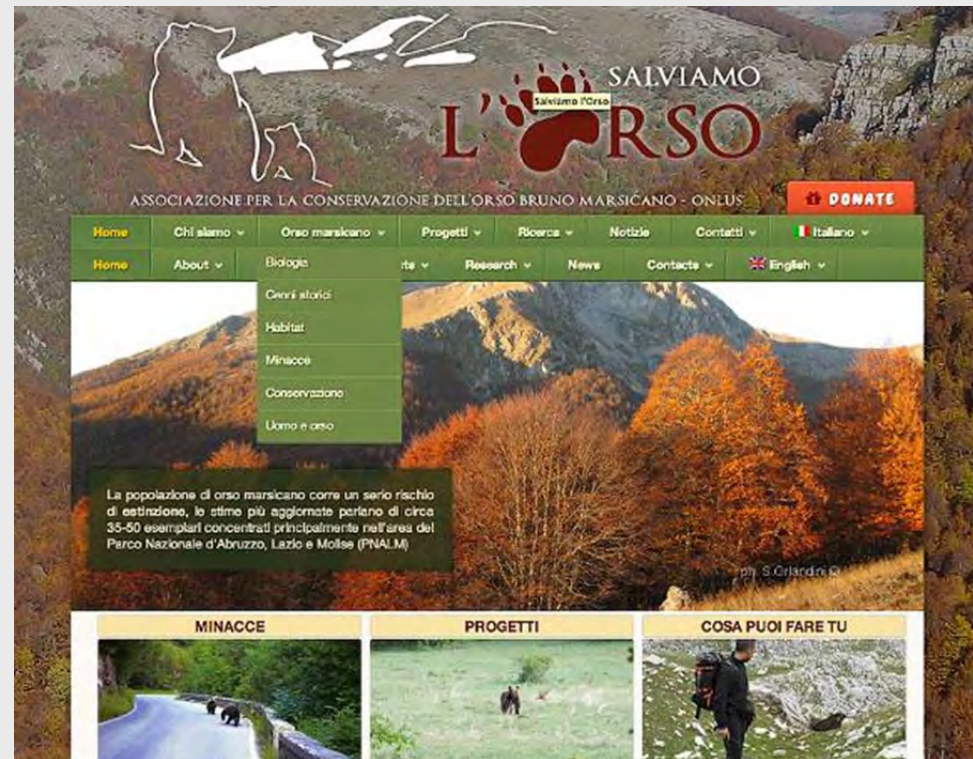
Vi aspettiamo numerosi
CARING FOR DOGS SAVES THE BEARS!



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Vaccinations were timely published on the website and **Facebook** page of **Salviamo l'Orso** and on local newspapers.



Vaccines and microchips

Il microchip è riconosciuto come il migliore sistema per l'identificazione dell'animale ed Allflex, con il suo nuovissimo "KIT D'INIEZIONE STERILE" garantisce:

- ▶ **sicurezza**
- ▶ **efficacia**
- ▶ **semplicità**



Vaccines were initially provided by the Nature Conservation Office of the Abruzzo Region, according to Action C2 of Life ARCTOS "*Brown bear conservation: coordinated actions for Alpine and Apennine areas*", 500 microchips were purchased by Salviamo l'Orso. This vaccination campaign could continue thanks to AISPA. We bought and are buying new vaccine batches to carry out this project.

Dog health books

Salviamo l'Orso printed **500 copies** of their own dog health book, full of important information on the Marsican brown bear and a bear-smart dog management.



Correctly managing our dogs means...



Register the dog ^{with} to the canine registry and have it microchipped by a professional veterinary. The microchip is mandatory by law, and is inserted permanently under the skin. It ensures that the dog is identifiable at the regional canine registry and that it is possible to track its ownership in ^{goes} the case of the dog going missing.

^{In the event of change...}



In case of change of ownership, loss or death of the dog, or when the owner changes address or telephone number, it is mandatory to inform the local office of the regional veterinary service who will update the personal information of the dog and its owner in the regional canine registry.



Have the dog wear an identification tag on its collar or bib. This tag should report all information required to reach its owner (e.g. a telephone number).



Have the dog vaccinated and regularly checked by a veterinary.



Never let the dogs roam free. Always have them under close control.

Local Vets



In each area of intervention we identify a **Veterinary surgeon** who will be in charge of the dog's vaccinations and registration with the Canine Registry. The presence of a vet is needed to give owners important information and advice on how to correctly manage their dogs.

Actions and meetings

Involve and guide Institutions towards an adequate economic and political commitment, to address and solve the issue of stray dogs in the Marsican brown bear home range.



Vaccination campaign in Molise



In 2014 in Molise **Vet. Antonio Liberatore** for Regional Public Health Institute, **vaccinated 960 dogs**: 47 in Capracotta, 54 in Castel del Giudice, 106 in Colli al Volturno, 78 in Pizzone, 78 in Filignano, 94 in San Pietro Avellana, 130 in Rocchetta al Volturno, 46 in Cerro al Volturno, 47 in Conca Casale, 58 in Scapoli, 47 in Montenero Valcocchiara and 25 in Castel San Vincenzo.

300 dogs were microchipped and registered with the Canine Registry.

Vaccination campaign in the ALMNP



In September-October 2014, Salviamo l'Orso, in collaboration with the NP Veterinary Service and ENPA (National Entity for Protection of Animals) launched a joint vaccination and microchipping campaign. This facilitated the **registration of 226 sheep dogs** belonging to 81 farms, while **vaccinating 323 dogs**. In December 2014, SLO provided vaccines to Lecce de' Marsi's dog pound **to immunize 150 dogs**. It's been confirmed that the 2013 distemper epidemic originated in this shelter.

Vaccination campaign in SVRP



In 2014, in the **Sirente-Velino Regional Park**, Vet. **Giuseppe Cotturone** vaccinated **87 dogs** from different sheep and goat farms in the mountains of Celano, Ovindoli and Rocca di Mezzo.

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