

STREET DOGS IN KOSOVO



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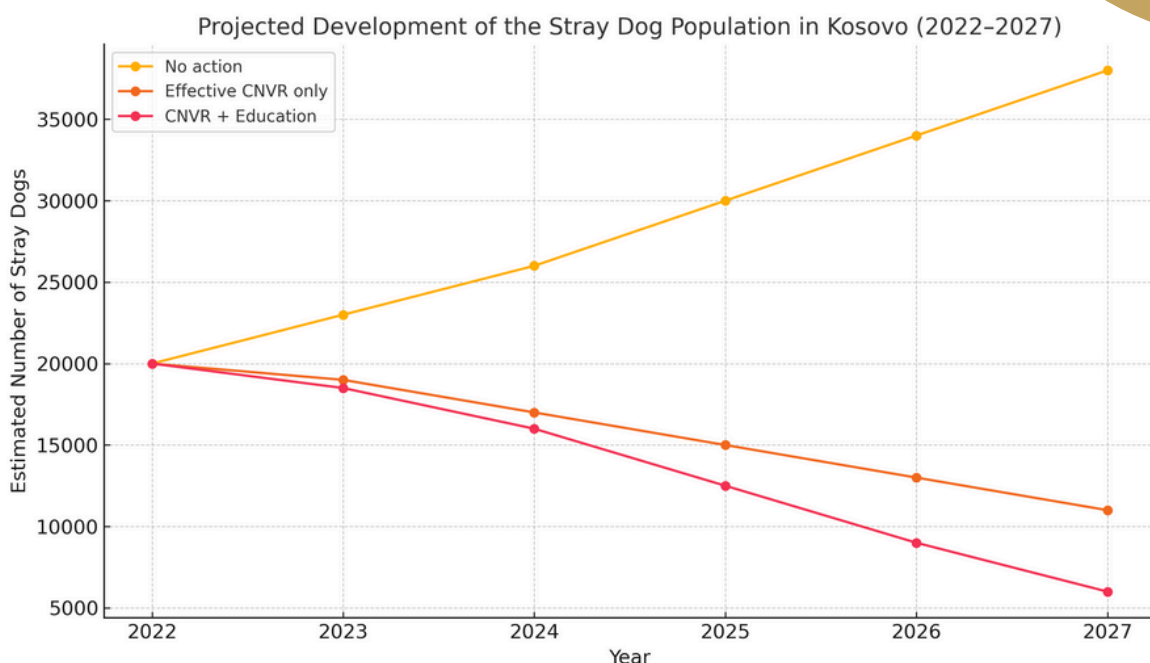
**UNDERSTANDING THE
SITUATION -
CHALLENGES AND
SOLUTIONS**

Current Situation

The estimated number of stray dogs in Kosovo is between **20,000 and 25,000**, with up to **5,000 in Prishtina** alone.

Without coordinated and sustainable action, this number could rise to more than **40,000 in the coming years**.

While **CNVR** (Catch–Neuter–Vaccinate–Return) programs have shown **positive effects in some areas**, their implementation remains uneven. Key **obstacles** include a lack of trained veterinary staff, insufficient coordination between municipalities, and limited public awareness about dog behavior and responsible pet care.



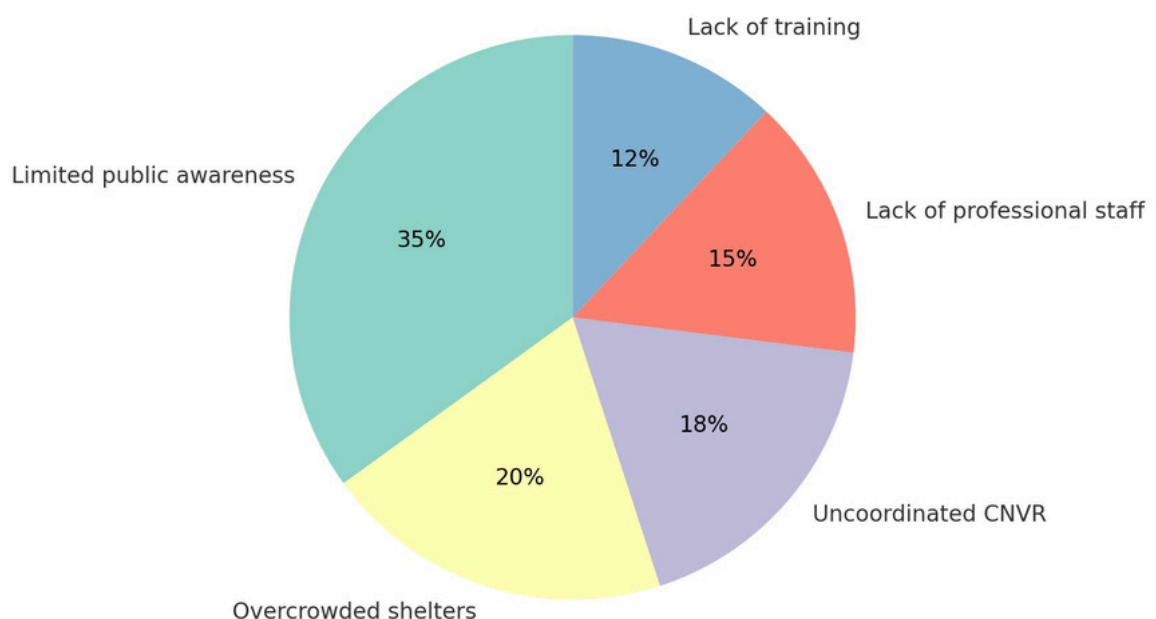
Sources: OIPA.org, animalrights-rks.org, municipal field reports

Where StrayDogs Kosova Contributes

StrayDogs Kosova focuses on education, prevention, and sustainable change – not just treatment.

- School-based education programs with interactive and age-appropriate material to teach empathy, safety, and awareness.
- Seminars and training modules for veterinarians, shelter staff, and students on dog behavior, safe handling, and stress-free care.
- Specialized guidance for improving hygiene, group housing, and environmental enrichment in shelters.
- Community outreach on responsible feeding, prevention of fear-based responses, and peaceful coexistence.
- Partnership-ready formats for municipalities, NGOs, and international partners – field-tested and culturally adapted.

Key Challenges in the Management of Stray Dogs in Kosovo



Source: compiled from OIPA.org, municipal observations, education sector interviews

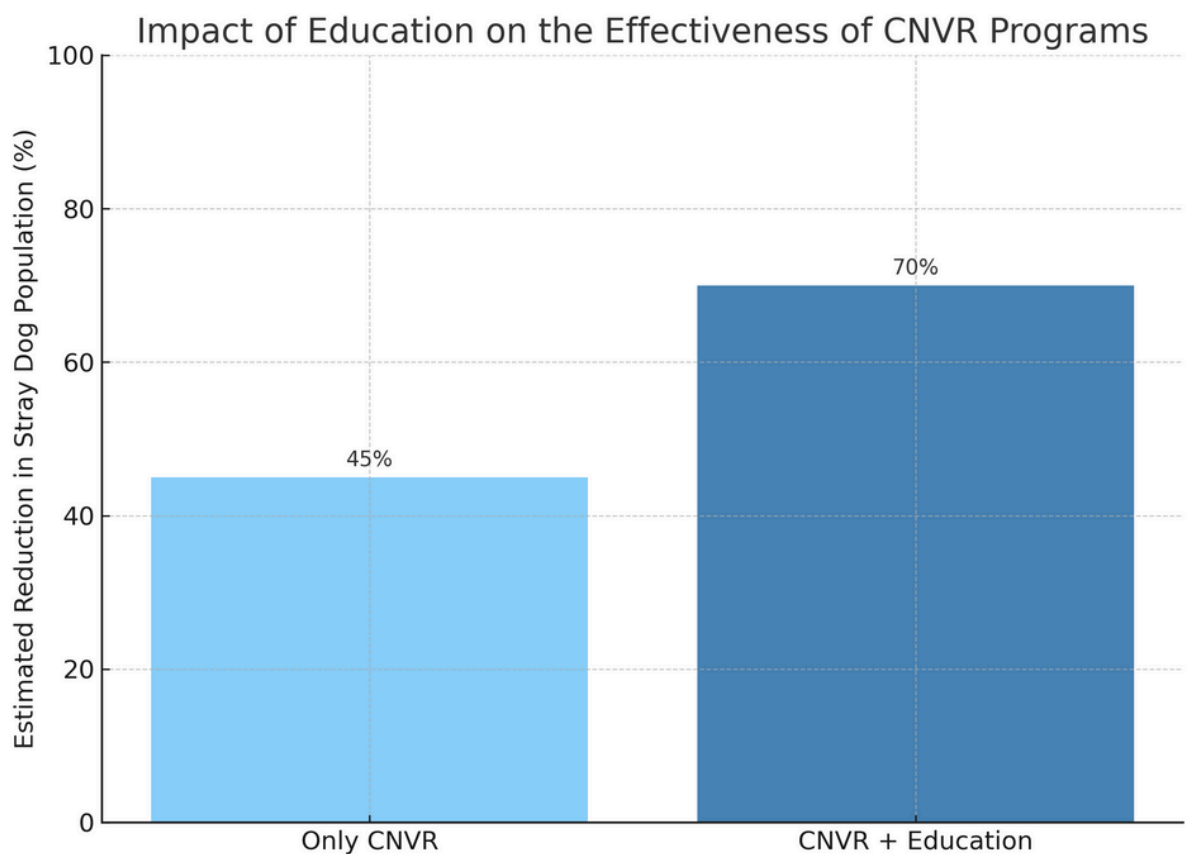
Education Is the Key to Long-Term Change

CNVR programs are essential – but they are not enough on their own. Without public understanding and professional capacity, even the best medical interventions can fail in the long term.

Education empowers communities to act responsibly, helps reduce fear and aggression, and builds trust between humans and animals.

When we teach children, train shelter staff, and support veterinarians with behavioral knowledge, we create the foundation for a sustainable and humane solution.

As shown in the chart below, the impact of combining CNVR with education is dramatic – leading to up to 70 % population reduction, compared to just 45 % with sterilization alone.



Sources: Comparative projections based on CNVR-only and education-inclusive models from OIPA.org and field data

Learn how to implement education with StrayDogs Kosova →

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