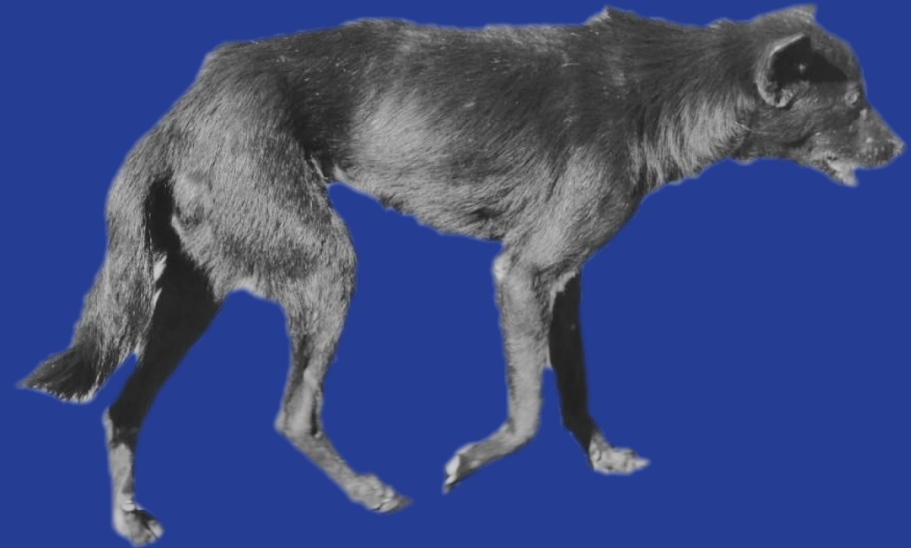




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Problems Associated with Non-managed Free-roaming Dog Population

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WHAT ARE THE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH NON-MANAGED FREE-ROAMING DOG POPULATION?

DOG BITES

- In Bhutan, 6,430 dog bites in humans have been recorded annually (Annual Health Bulletin of Bhutan, 2021)
- Increased medical and associated costs involved during treatment procedures (vaccination, wound dressing, etc.) following dog bites.



ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

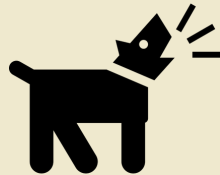
- Increased free-roaming dog population increase the risk of road traffic accidents, resulting in physical injuries and casualties to both humans and animals.

LIKELIHOOD OF DEVELOPING NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

- The presence of a large number of free-roaming dogs in the locality is a deterrent to outdoor sports/activities.

NOISE POLLUTION

- Several media coverage about issues raised by residents and tourists of negative experiences caused by the incessant barking of free-roaming dogs at quiet hours.
- A large number of free-roaming dogs spoils the aesthetic look of the area/community.
- The barking noise of numerous free-roaming dogs at night hours causing sleep deprivation.



LITTERING

- Faecal contamination.
- Waste strewing.
- Unpleasant odour from excretory wastes.

DISEASES

- Dogs are a source of many infectious diseases to humans and other animals, for example, rabies.