

STRAY DOGS' POPULATION IN MAUNG DISTRICT, CHIANG MAI

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Abstract The purpose of this study is to survey stray dogs' population in Maung, Chiang Mai, the problems from stray dogs and people's opinions on constructing a stray dogs' home by questionnaire raised of June – September, 2005. It found that 516 people answered the questionnaire. The stray dogs' population is 1,217 dogs. The approximate dog ages are 26.86% between 1-3 years and 19.64% between 3-5 years. The dog breeds are 67.12% native breed and 32.88% mixed breed. The perceived problems from stray dogs are 15.06% digging garbage and 13.88% scattered defecation. Public opinion, 95.01% of people who agreed with constructing a stray dogs' home. Twenty eight point sixty seven percent of them wanted to see the joining of all units to solve this problem. Fifty two point ninety two percent wanted it to be large enough for 201-500 dogs. Twenty seven point forty five percent thought financial support must come from government. However, 65.36% thought the number of stray dogs will increase if there is a stray dogs' home, 84.21% will not take their dogs to a stray dogs' home and 78.29% will not take it from stray dogs' home to their home. In conclusion, we should have a short plan to solve these problems, for example, explain to the people who have dogs to love it and not leave it, to spay and neuter stray dogs and investigate stray dogs' health. *Chiang Mai Veterinary Journal* 2006;4(1):57-62.

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