

ABSTRACT

ACTION C5.2

In the context of Action C5, CALLISTO (CALLISTO'S field team and the collaborating veterinarian) continued its efforts regarding the development, extension, maintenance and support of the Livestock breeder Network and the donation/exchange of LGDs in excellent cooperation with the Municipality of Amyntaio, the Decentralized Administration of Epirus and Western Macedonia and the Livestock Club of Amyntaio. The latter now consists of 37 livestock breeders and the core network includes 11 LGD owners. In total, 45 pups from two to three months old, and seven adult dogs of the three national LGD breeds, provided by members of the network, were donated and/or exchanged amongst livestock raisers. Prior donation, the puppies and adult dogs were assessed as clinically healthy by the veterinarian and suitable in terms of morphological and behavioural characteristics. Out of the 52 LGDs that have been donated so far, 23 dogs are still alive. The mortality reached 56.06% in LGDs aged 6 to 12 months; the causes of death are herein presented. The provision of regular veterinary care and health monitoring of the donated LGDs was continued during this period (01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018) and several pathological cases were properly addressed. CALLISTO'S field team made the necessary contacts among livestock breeders that own good LGDs and efforts to renew the network members and to donate new puppies are continued.