

The problem of unmanaged dogs[]

When there are no veterinary services available to a remote community, large unmanaged populations of dogs flourish. These are some of the problem associated with unmanaged dog populations:¹

- Overpopulation - uncontrolled breeding, unwanted dogs and large numbers of dogs often roaming in packs
- Zoonoses - the transference of disease from animals to humans, these include scabies, giardia, hookworm
- Noise - associated with barking, fighting or mating
- Litter - mess from scavenging such as overturned bins, scraps, faeces, etc.
- Danger and threatening behaviour - "cheeky dogs" biting or attacking children, dogs chasing vehicles
- Loss - dogs stealing food from storage or young children; dogs attacking livestock