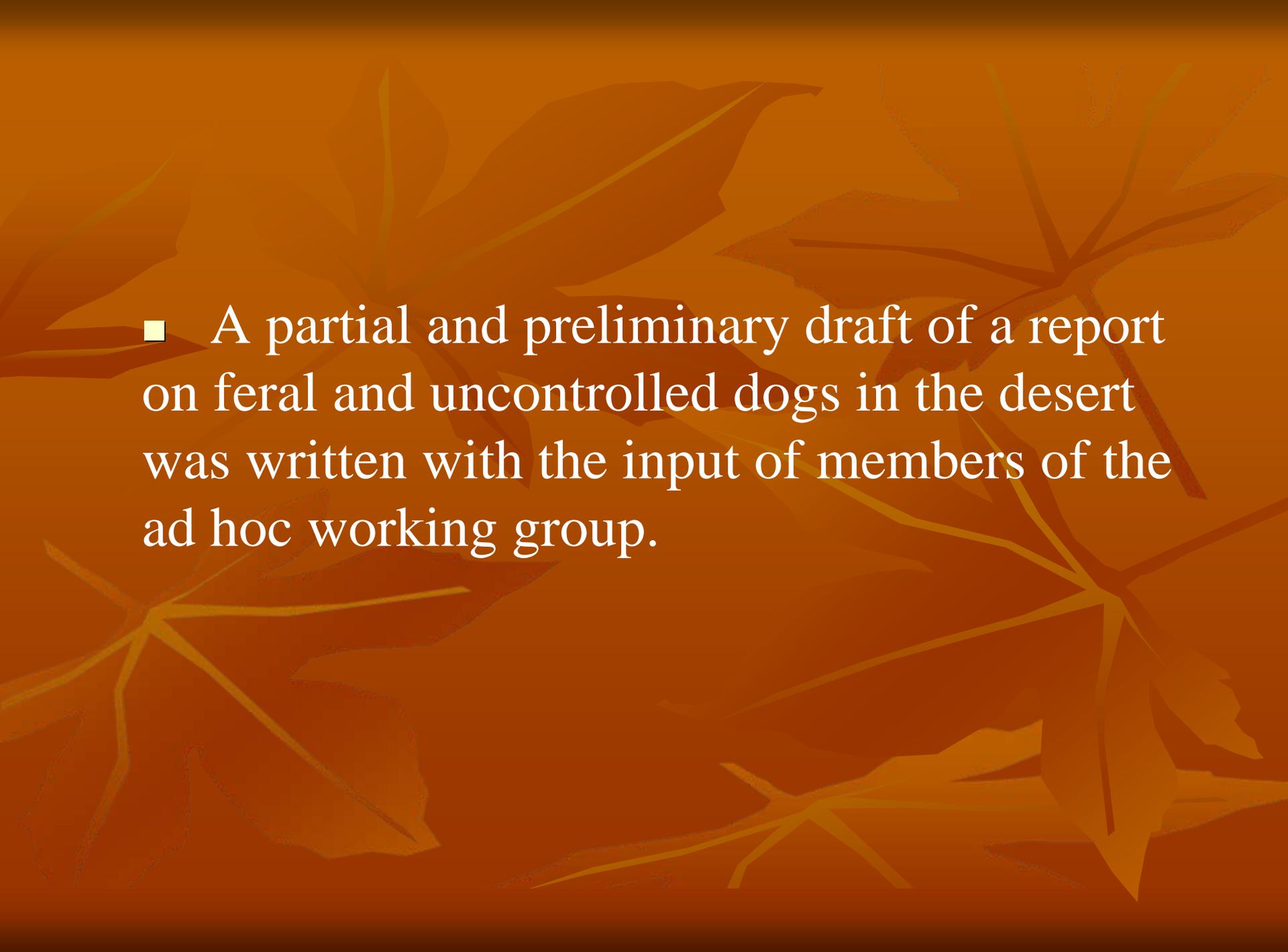


# Free Roaming Dog Working Group Update



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- A partial and preliminary draft of a report on feral and uncontrolled dogs in the desert was written with the input of members of the ad hoc working group.

- Glenn Black met with the senior Animal Control officer for the desert for San Bernardino Co.
- They have had a new software program that allows them to enter data from calls and their responses to uncontrolled dogs in various areas of the desert.

- Clarence generated a map for the SB Co Animal Control.
- If the map suits their capabilities to determine with our help those areas they have received calls from then the info could be quite useful to us in our GIS mapping efforts to identify probable areas of greatest threat to tortoises.

- Acquiring and analyzing data to produce GIS maps depicting info on occurrences of "uncontrolled dogs" in the desert, observations of dogs on LDS transects, desert tortoise study plots and on the DTNA, as well as uncontrolled dog reports from participating county animal control agencies.

- An effort will be made to assess the threats associated with and the proximity to desert tortoise critical habitat and DWMA's to existing and projected future development and thus "uncontrolled dogs".
- Letter to vets requesting information on dog traumas they have seen come in.

- When the information is completed, we will rewrite the preliminary draft
- Sent it out to the working group for review and comment.
- Comments will be incorporated the draft
- A presentation will be made to the DMG.

# PACK OF DOGS KILL ALLIGATOR IN FLORIDA

The alligator, even though one of the ultimate predators, can fall victim to the kind of implemented 'team work' strategy which is possible due to the pack mentality and social structure of canines.

the attached and remarkable photograph  
courtesy of Nature Magazine -



# The end

