

Project Update: March 2006

During 2005 FWFF directly compensated 48 farmers, and indirectly about 200 have received support from the program. 24 sheep, 7 goats and 31 guarding dogs were given as compensation. Thanks to FWFF the "HDI" Insurance Company has sell over 200 insurance policies for livestock with total number of 1341 animals and over 500 livestock owners insured. These facts will reduce the Man/ predator conflict and will reduce the eventual poison baits use. Taking of dead animals by FWFF team is also preventing the poisoning. Any time when the team receives a call for available depredated animals the carcasses are taken and transported to the feeding site of vultures. By this way 76 potential poison accidents were prevented.

Poster for the Compensation program has been printed in 2000 copies. Almost everyone livestock breeder in the SW Bulgaria has heart for the Program. All regional forestry and veterinary services are aware for the FWFF's Compensation program and its goals.

Thanks to Rufford Small Grants FWFF bought and renovated two sheep shelters in lowlands and in the high mountainous areas. This is very important step to restoration of the Transhumance in the area.