

- **Import of 32 straydogs from Russia via Poland**

BACKGROUND

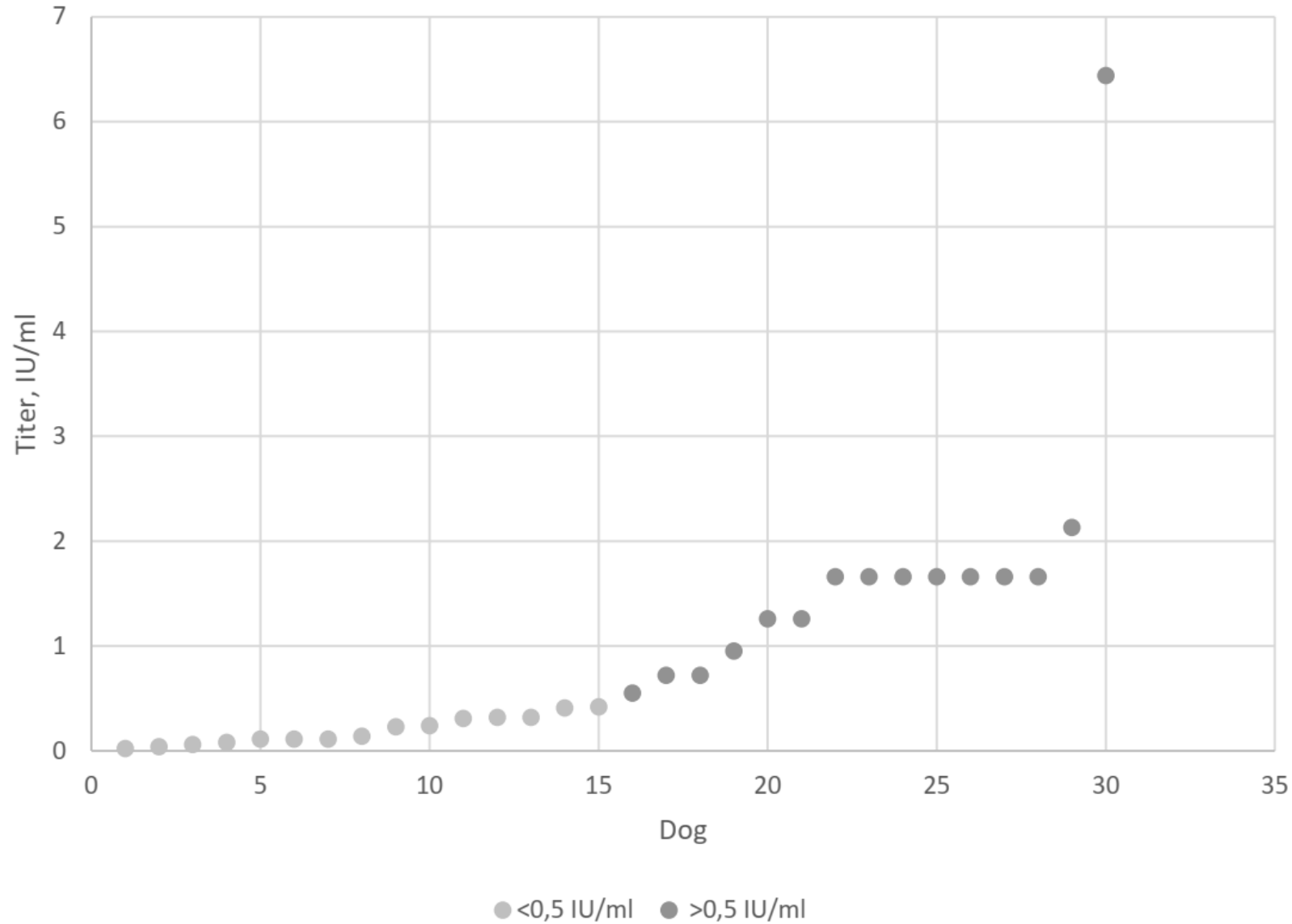
In July, Sweden was informed that during a random check of a Russian dog on its way to Sweden, Poland had found that the dog lacked full protection against rabies (0,2 IU/ml). The Swedish Board of Agriculture decided to test all dogs from the same shipment as well as dogs in another shipment. The purpose was to investigate possible systematic deficiencies in vaccination protection.

RESULTS

Of the 32 dogs whose antibodies have been analyzed, 17 had poor rabies protection ($< 0,5$ IU/ml).

Some of these samples have such low values that the analysis does not support that they are vaccinated at all

Vaccination, rabies



Figur 1. antibody concentration (IU/ml) against rabies in a group of dogs imported from Russia analyzed by SVA in August 2020

Measures

- Of the 32 dogs whose antibodies have been analyzed, 17 had poor rabies protection ($< 0,5$ IU/ml).
- Five of these dogs had values below $0,1$ IU/ml and were humanely euthanized.
- 12 dogs ($0,1-0,49$ IU/ml) are isolated in their homes for a period of 4 months counted from their last rabies vaccination.
- Sweden will carry out random checks on dogs from Russia, taking blood samples to verify antibody concentration
- We recommend everyone who imports dogs from Russia to verify that the dogs have sufficient antibody concentration before they are taken into Sweden by taking a blood sample before importing
- Discussion on EU-level?