



Bhutan's Fortnightly Animal Disease e-information

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Dear colleagues,

Please find Volume: 5 Issue: 17; Year: 2017 of Bhutan's Fortnightly Animal Disease e-information for your reading.

Chukha

6th September, 2017: Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD)

On 6th September, 2017, Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreak was reported at Bangteygang village, Chungkha under Bongo geog of Chukha Dzongkhag. So far, 12 cattle belonging to four households were affected by the disease.

There are 46 cattle at risk in Bangteygang and control measures including public awareness, movement control of live animal and animal products, ring vaccination and surveillance are conducted by the Rapid Response Team (RRT) formed by the Regional Livestock Development Centre (RLDC), Tsimasham and Chukha District Livestock sector.

The last FMD outbreak in Bongo was in 2014.

9th September, 2017: Rabies

On 9th September, 2017, a stray horse was found dead in the municipal area of Phuentsholing. The brain tissue sample from the horse tested positive to Rabies.

The horse might have been bitten by rabid dog some time ago. Phuentsholing town share open border with Jaigoan, an town under West Bengal State of India. Surveillance is ongoing and public were made aware of the rabies outbreak.

Thimphu

2nd September, 2017: Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD)

On 2th September, FMD outbreak was reported from a herd at Jeba village (near Chuzom) under Genekha geog, Thimphu Dzongkhag. 4 cattle from this herd were affected and are already recovering from infection.

On 4th September, FMD was reported from another herd in the same village. 3 cattle were affected in this herd. Control measures are in place.

Zhemgang

2nd September, 2017: Black Quarter

On 2nd September, 2017, a calf in Dungbi village under Trong geog in Zhemgang died after showing signs of Black Quarter (BQ).

There are 13 animals at risk and control measures are in place

3rd September, 2017: Rabies

On 3rd September, 2017, Rabies outbreak was confirmed after samples from carcass of a suspected dog at Tungudempa village under Panbang, Ngangla geog under Zhemgang Dzongkhag tested positive by Rabies rapid test. This dog, showed signs of rabies and had bitten 9 cattle, a pig, 2 children and a woman between 1st and 3rd September in Marangdud and Tungudempa villages.

Till date, 6 dogs and a cow died of the disease. Students and locals bitten by the rabid dogs are undergoing Post-Exposure-Prophylaxis (PEP) at Panbang BHU and animals bitten by the rabid dogs are tethered and kept under observation. The Rapid Response Team comprising of both veterinary, public health and regulatory personnel has been activated and are conducting outbreak containment measures including public education, emergency mass dog vaccination and surveillance.



Carcass of a Rabid dog

Photo : RRT Panbang