

FORTNIGHTLY e-BULLETIN: ANIMAL DISEASE INFORMATION OF BHUTAN

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To update field colleagues and relevant stakeholders regarding animal disease situation in the country and related activities, the "Fortnightly e-Bulletin on Animal Disease Information of Bhutan" is issued by Disease Prevention and Control Unit (DPCU), National Centre for Animal Health (NCAH), Department of Livestock (DoL). The information disseminated regarding animal disease outbreak(s) in the country is based on flash and follow-up reports received from the outbreak investigation team. For real-time update, please visit our website, <http://www.ncah.gov.bt>

Trashigang Dzongkhag

Rabies: 12 June 2020*

An adult stray dog (un-notched male) in upper market area of Kanglung under Kanglung Gewog, Trashigang Dzongkhag, tested positive to rabies on 6th June 2020. The Dzongkhag livestock sector, Trashigang, and the Regional Livestock Development Centre (RLDC), Kanglung, carried out thorough investigation of the case and implemented necessary control measures in line with the National Rabies Prevention and Control Plan 2017.

Last outbreak of rabies in the district was reported back in February month, 2020, during which cases were reported from Phongmed and Kanglung Gewogs.

In response to the current outbreak, as of 14th June, a total of 1,017 dogs (stray and owned) including 643 dogs in Kanglung were vaccinated against rabies disease. The mass dog vaccination (MDV) programme has covered five Chiwogs: Yongphu, Martsham, Mandung, Retshengdung and Rongthung.



Mass dog vaccination campaign (Image courtesy: In-charge, DVH)

Dagana Dzongkhag

Anthrax (suspected): 15 June 2020

Suspected outbreak of Anthrax, a zoonotic disease caused by the spore-forming bacteria *Bacillus anthracis*, was recorded in Chakramari village of Nichula Gewog, Dagana Dzongkhag on 14th June 2020. As per the flash report shared, two cows have succumbed to the infection showing typical clinical signs and lesions suggestive of anthrax in cattle: bloating and sudden death with blood oozing from body orifices.

All control measures were implemented by the Dzongkhag livestock sector aligning with the Guidelines for Preparedness, Surveillance and Control of Anthrax in Human and Animals in Bhutan 2013.

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