

FORTNIGHTLY e-BULLETIN: ANIMAL DISEASE INFORMATION OF BHUTAN*Information sharing for preparedness and response...*

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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>

Haa Dzongkhag***Black quarter: 5th July 2020****

Black quarter (BQ), also known as Black leg, is an acute, infectious disease caused by Clostridium chauvoei - a Gram-positive, anaerobic organism. This disease is characterized by inflammation with gaseous oedema of skeletal muscle and severe toxæmia.

An outbreak of BQ was reported from a migratory cattle herd of Damthang village, Bji Gewog, Haa Dzongkhag, on 3rd July 2020. As per the flash report shared, two cattle were affected and succumbed to the infection.

All control and preventive measures were strictly implemented by the Dzongkhag livestock sector, Haa Dzongkhag, to avoid further spread of the disease and to protect the healthy ones.

Sarpang Dzongkhag***Infectious Bursal Disease: 6th July 2020***

Infectious bursal disease (IBD) (Gumboro) is a viral infection, affecting the immune system of poultry. The disease is highly contagious, affects young chickens, and is characterised by the destruction of the lymphoid organs, and in particular the bursa of Fabricius, where B lymphocytes mature and differentiate.

An outbreak of IBD was reported from Darjaythang village of Shompangkha Gewog, Sarpang Dzongkhag, on 5th July 2020, to the Dzongkhag Veterinary Hospital, Sarpang. As per the disease outbreak investigation carried out on 6th July, by the Thromde Veterinary Hospital and Satellite Laboratory (TVH&SL), Gelegphu, and the Dzongkhag livestock sector, Sarpang, the index case was recorded on 3rd July. As of 6th July, a total of 191 pullets (20 days old) were affected.

All necessary control measures have been implemented to control further spread into the nearby health flocks – more than 12,000 birds are at risk.

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