

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>

Chhukha Dzongkhag**PPR: 16th September 2020***

Peste des petits ruminants (PPR) is a viral disease, caused by a morbillivirus closely related to rinderpest virus, which affects goats, sheep, and some wild relatives of domesticated small ruminants, as well as camels.

An outbreak of Peste des petits ruminants in goats was reported in Wangchhu (Dog pound area) of Bjabchho Gewog, Chhukha Dzongkhag, and confirmed at the NVL, NCAH, Serbithang. As per the report shared following joint (RLDC, Tsimasham and Dzongkhag Livestock Sector, Chhukha) investigation of the outbreak, the index case was recorded on 12 September, and as of 16th September, a total of 10 goats were affected and 6 died.

In line with the National PPR Prevention, Control, and Eradication Plan 2020, all necessary control measures have been implemented.

Samdrup Jongkhar Dzongkhag**Rabies: 16th September 2020***

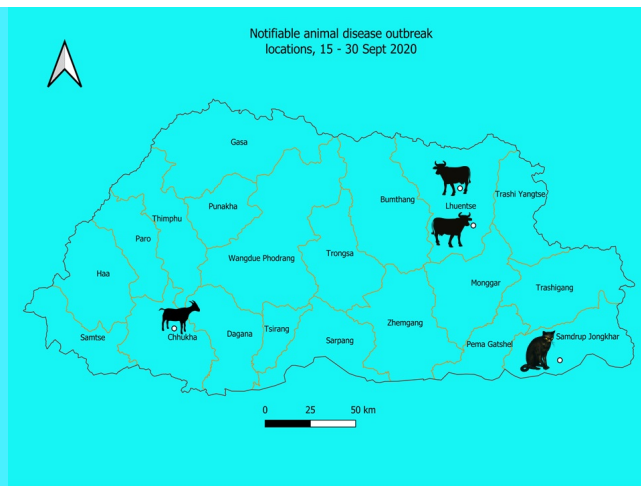
A cat in NHDCL colony area of Dewathang Gewog, Samdrup Jongkhar Dzongkhag tested positive to rabies of 15th September 2020. As per the flash report shared, two persons reported to have exposed were on PEP. All other prevention and control measures have been implemented in line with the national guidelines.

Since late 2019, sporadic outbreaks of rabies have been reported from the area.

Lhuentse Dzongkhag**Black quarter: 26th September 2020***

Black quarter is an acute, febrile, highly fatal disease of cattle and sheep caused by Clostridium chauvoei and characterized by emphysematous swelling, commonly affecting heavy muscles (clostridial myositis). It is found worldwide.

Outbreaks of Black quarter (black leg) disease in cattle were reported from Jalang village of Minjei Gewog and Thamba village of Gangzur village, Lhuentse Dzongkhag on 24th and 25th September 2020 respectively. As per the flash reports shared, a total of 10 cattle were affected in 8 households and 8 died. All the prevention and control measures have been strictly implemented by the Dzongkhag Livestock Sector.



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