

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***Rabies: 27 December 2020****

A one-year-old female cattle in Toribari village under Phuentshogling Thromde was reported to have tested positive to rabies on 27 December 2020. As per the disease outbreak investigation conducted by the officials from Thromde Veterinary Hospital and Satellite Laboratory (TVH&SL) and Livestock Extension Centre (LEC), Phuentshogling, and the report shared, the affected cow was observed showing signs like inappetence and bellowing on 21 December, however, the owner misdiagnosed it for a sign of heat and left unreported to the Gewog livestock centre. With the onset hypersalivation and other neurological signs suggestive of rabies, the case was reported to the LEC and subsequently to the TVH & SL on 24 December following which a preliminary investigation was conducted. The suspected cow had succumbed to the infection on 27 December and tested positive to rapid test for rabies virus. The brain sample was collected for referral and confirmation at the National Veterinary Laboratory, Serbithang, Thimphu.

As per the report, all the dogs in the vicinity were vaccinated against rabies in May 2020, however, owing to the village's proximity to the border, the source of infection is assumed to be due to the uncontrolled cross-border movement of rabid stray dogs.

In line with the National Rabies Prevention and Control Plan 2017, all the necessary preventive and control measures were implemented.

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