

**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 situations in the country and related activities, the "Fortnightly e-Bulletin on Animal Disease Information of Bhutan" is issued by the 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>

***Sarpang Dzongkhag******Dekiling Gewog******Rabies: 21 April 2021\****

An outbreak of rabies, suspected and reported earlier on 1 April 2021, was confirmed, and reported from Chhoekhorling and Jigmeling village under Dekiling gewog, Sarpang dzongkhag on 21 April 2021. As per the flash report shared, the outbreak has started on 31 March 2021 and affected a total of 9 animals: 5 cattle, 3 dogs and 1 goat. The outbreak was suspected to have occurred due to cross-border movement of infected stray dogs.

In line with the National Rabies Prevention and Control Plan 2017, all the necessary prevention and control measures have been implemented by the Dzongkhag Livestock Sector, Sarpang. The exposed animals or suspected to have exposed, 20 dogs and 2 cattle, were identified and kept under strict observation. A mass dog anti-rabies vaccination campaign was conducted in these areas in December 2020, and most of the dogs currently under observation had received the vaccine.

***Haa Dzongkhag******Sangbay Gewog******FMD: 22 April 2021\****

A foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) outbreak was reported from Babji, Zomtorkha and nearby villages under Sangbay gewog of Haa dzongkhag on 22 April 2021. The outbreak has started on 18 April 2021, and a total of 6 young cattle in 4 households were affected and 3 died of the infection.

All the necessary prevention and control measures have been implemented in line with the National FMD Prevention and Control Plan 2020.

### ***Chhukha Dzongkhag***

#### ***Phuentshogling Gewog***

##### ***Rabies: 22 April 2021\****

A doe, adult female goat, in lower Kabreytar area under Phuentshogling throm, Chhukha dzongkhag, which was kept under observation since 19 April 2021, tested positive for rabies on 22 April 2021. The case was suspected to be a continuation of the earlier rabies cases reported from Kabreytar and nearby areas in the month of March 2021.

All the rabies prevention and control measures have been implemented by the Thromde Veterinary Hospital and Satellite Laboratory, Phuentshogling.

### ***Sarpang Dzongkhag***

#### ***Gelegphu Gewog***

##### ***Rabies: 29 April 2021\****

A rabies outbreak was reported from Samdrupling village of Gelegphu gewog, Sarpang dzongkhag on 29 April 2021. As per the field report shared, the outbreak, which has started on 24 April 2021, has affected 2 adult dogs.

In line with the National Rabies Prevention and Control Plan 2017, the following measures have been implemented:

- Sampling, testing and proper disposal of carcasses.
- Identification and isolation of the animals suspected to have exposed to the infection (5 dogs and a cat), and administration of PEP vaccine.
- Advised people in contact with the affected and suspected dogs to immediately seek PEP.
- Door-to-door awareness about the disease and its outbreak in the area.

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