

FORTNIGHTLY e-BULLETIN: ANIMAL DISEASE INFORMATION OF BHUTAN

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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>

Wangdue Phodrang Dzongkhag

Thedtsho and Ruebisa Gewog

FMD – 18 and 28 Oct 2021*

Foot and mouth disease (FMD) is a severe, highly contagious viral disease of livestock that has a significant economic impact. The disease affects cattle, swine, sheep, goats and other cloven-hoofed ruminants. It is a transboundary animal disease (TAD) that deeply affect the production of livestock and disrupts regional and international trade in animals and animal products. The disease is caused by an Aphthovirus of the family Picornaviridae, seven strains (A, O, C, SAT1, SAT2, SAT3, and Asia1) are endemic in different countries worldwide.

An outbreak of FMD was reported in Rinchengang Toed and Maed villages of Thedtsho gewog, Wangdue Phodrang. As per the disease outbreak report shared, the outbreak was found to have started on 5 October 2021 and has affected 32 cattle, however, no mortality was reported.

On 28 October 2021, another outbreak of FMD was reported from Ngachegaykha village of Ruebisa gewog, Wandgue Phodrang dzongkhag. The outbreak, which was found to have started on 26 October, has affected 5 cattle, however, no mortality was reported. The disease was suspected to have been introduced through the mixing of cattle of the village with the affected herds of Rinchengang Toed and Maed villages.

All the control measures have been implemented in line with the National FMD Prevention and Control Plan 2021.

Chhukha Dzongkhag

Samphelling Gewog

Rabies – 19 Oct 2021*

A male puppy pet in Lower Gurungdara village, Samphelling gewog, Chhukha dzongkhag – which has exhibited neurological signs and died later – tested positive for rabies (rapid Ag test) on 19 October 2021. The puppy was found to have not received the anti-rabies vaccine as per the schedule.

Proper disposal of the carcass and other control measures have been implemented in line with the National Rabies Prevention and Control Plan 2017.

Samtse Dzongkhag

Norboogang Gewog

Rabies – 24 Oct 2021*

An outbreak of rabies in dogs was reported from Tshongduekha and Yangphelthang villages of Norboogang gewog, Samtse dzongkhag on 24 Oct 2021. As per the flash report, a total of 4 dogs have succumbed to the infection,

All the necessary control measures, including proper disposal of the carcasses and post-exposure prophylaxis for the exposed and suspected-to-have-exposed people and animals, have been implemented in line with the National Rabies Prevention and Control Plan 2017.

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