

Nyalindung). A week before the vaccination, coordination and socialization was once again done at subdistrict level. Animals targeted for vaccination were dogs, cats, and monkeys.

The total amount of animals successfully vaccinated through the program was 1401 dogs, 179 cats, and 17 monkeys. The number of dogs vaccinated was less than the existing population data, it was because stray and wild dogs have been previously eliminated by the government. In some areas, there are owners that refuse to vaccinate their dogs with the assumption that vaccinated dogs will become weak and could no longer be used for hunting. As a response, a team consisting of CIVAS, the livestock services office, police and several public figures had given an explanation on the importance of rabies vaccination to such people. In the end some dog owners comply and vaccinate their dogs, but some still refuse it. For those who refuse to vaccinate their dogs, they were asked to make an official letter stating that they will hold responsibility if their dogs ever cause a rabid-biting case in that area. (ER)



World Rabies Day Celebration in Bogor

The World Rabies Day this year is celebrated on September 28, 2008, bringing forth the theme "Working Together To Make Rabies History!™". The mission of World Rabies Day is to raise awareness about the impact of human and animal rabies, how easy it is to prevent it, and how to eliminate the main global sources. In participation of WRD 2008, on September 20, 2008, Center for Indonesian Veterinary Analytical Studies (CIVAS) with support from students of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of Bogor Agricultural University had conducted a sympathy act to campaign about the dangers of rabies to the public. The campaign gave out stickers and bookmarks containing information about rabies, its symptoms in animals, how to manage bite cases, and how to prevent it. The campaign was done in Bogor city, in three different locations, at Air Mancur, Tugu Kujang, and Ciawi.



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A talk show on RRI-Bogor (Radio of the Indonesia Republic) will be held on September 26, 2008, as continuation of the campaign. The talk show will present three speakers, from CIVAS, the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of Bogor Agricultural University, and the Agribusiness Service Office of Bogor city.



Public Discussion on Recycled Waste Meat

The breaking news about recycled waste meat several weeks ago had shocked us all. It made everybody realize that there is still much work to do in terms of public health and food safety in Indonesia. In concern of the incident and moreover as future veterinarians who will also hold responsibility in providing safe, healthy, wholesome and halal (ASUH) food for the public, the Student Executive Body of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in Bogor Agricultural University created a Public Discussion themed "Waste Meat: Is it Halal, Safe and Suitable for Human Consumption?" at Ungu Café in the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in Bogor Agricultural University on September 18th, 2008.

The discussion was attended by 40 participants, ranging from veterinary students to the general public, and presented four speakers. "Facts of Waste Meat in West Jakarta" was presented directly by H. Chaidir Taufik, DVM, MSI who is also Head of the Livestock and Fishery Service Sub-Office of West Jakarta. The issue was then analyzed more deeply from three different aspects by the other three speakers. The first is from "Public Health Aspect", presented by Dr. Denny W. Lukman, DVM, MSI from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of Bogor Agricultural University. The second was "Nutrition Aspect and Social Effects of Waste Meat", presented by Prof. Dr. Ir. H. Hardinsyah (Dean of the Faculty of Human Ecology, Bogor Agricultural University). The last aspect was ethics and legality, presented by Chairman of the Indonesian Veterinary Medical Association (PB-PDHI), Wiwiek Bagja, DVM, who brought forth the title "Public Discussion of Recycled Waste Meat Made Into "Food": A Crime that Shames the Dignity of Mankind and This Nation".



The topics discussed in this discussion were very rhetorical. As Dr. Denny Widaya Lukman stated in this presentation, waste meat that is recycled to be for human consumption is without doubt not safe, healthy, wholesome or halal. From the nutritional aspect, the meat has lost its nutritional value; it has also been contaminated by both decaying and pathogenic microorganisms which could cause disease; it has been contaminated by unacceptable preservatives (formalin) and coloring agents (textile coloring agents); it was processed (fried) using continuously reused cooking oil; and all was done in an environment that has no respect to hygiene-sanitation and health standards. According to Wiwiek Bagja, DVM, ethics have been completely ignored in this practice, where people try to turn garbage into food for other people. From legal aspects, this is clearly a crime, done intentionally and willingly, for the sake of material profit by risking the health of others. Clearly this practice has violated the Food Law No. 7 year 1996 and the Consumer Protection Law No. 8 year 1999.

How could such a thing happen and it has even been going on for five years? Prof. Hardinsyah said that it is closely related to social issues faced by the Indonesian people, especially those at the lower level. Poor education and economic pressure had forced some people to ignore their ethics and conscience, and also leave behind moral and religious values they once held. Frankly this incident is only a small part of many issues which resulted from the social and economic condition of Indonesia.

What needs to be done is collaboration among all sectors, particularly in the government who supervises and guides the people. The Livestock Service Office as the technical office responsible for veterinary public health also needs support from other related offices and fields.

In this case, collaboration among related technical departments responsible for food, market management, garbage disposal and permit for small to medium scale businesses is imperative. Also support from various public communities including students is necessary to give inputs to the government. Active participation from the public in the form of reporting suspicious activities would very much help the government in conducting its duties and overcome any rising issue quickly and appropriately. Also campaign to increase public awareness on the importance of consuming safe, healthy, wholesome, and halal (ASUH) animal proteins must be intensified. It could be collaborated with educational institutions, private bodies, and non-government organizations. (wind)

Workshop on Wildlife Health Issues in Public Health, Agriculture and Environmental Conservation

The Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science of the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, together with the Centre for Coastal Health, Nanaimo, Canada and the Canadian Cooperative Wildlife Health Centre (CCWHC), Saskatoon, Canada, which is the OIE collaborating centre for wildlife health, conducted a Training Workshop on Wildlife Health Issues in Public Health, Agriculture and Environmental Conservation. The workshop was conducted at the Institute of Continuing Education of the Department of Animal Production and Health on July 22nd-24th, 2008 at Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.

The workshop was primarily targeted for local participants in Sri Lanka who are responsible for general public health, animal disease surveillance, zoonotic diseases, food animal health, food safety, wildlife management and conservation and in reporting animal diseases in meeting international obligations. The workshop was attended by 30 local participants, consisting of government officers who work at the Department of Animal Production and Health, Department of Zoological Gardens, Department of Wildlife, Elephant Orphanage, Veterinary Research Institute, and veterinarians who work at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Sciences of the University of Peradeniya. Center for Indonesian Veterinary Analytical Studies (CIVAS) also participated in this workshop. M.D. Winda Widyastuti, DVM, as representative of CIVAS, was sponsored by Veterinarians Without Borders/Veterinaeris San Frontières (VWB/VSF), Canada, to attend the workshop. Other international participants who were also sponsored by VWB/VSF were Prof. Dr. Parntep Ratanakorn (Faculty of Veterinary Science, Mahidol University, Thailand) and Dr. Pongpon Homkon (Elephant Hospital, Lampang, Thailand).

The training workshop was a part of the capacity building initiatives carried under the Teasdale Corti research grant on "Veterinary Public Health as part of the Global Response to Emerging Disease", which is directed by Craig Stephen, DVM, PhD (Director of Center for Coastal Health, University of Calgary, Canada). There were three days of training workshop consisting of several presentations. Frederick A. Leighton, DVM, PhD (CCWHC) and Craig Stephen, DVM, PhD were the keynote speakers for the first two days. Topics presented were Social, Economic and Ecologic Importance of Pathogens in Wild Animals, Elements of Disease Ecology, Measuring Disease, Components of a National Wildlife Health Program and Intervention to Manage Wildlife Diseases. On the last day, there were several presentations by local speakers who explain more about biodiversity and wildlife conservation in Sri Lanka, activities done in wildlife in Sri Lanka such as surveillance for avian influenza in wild bird, surveillance in elephants, and preparedness for exotic diseases.

On the second day, there was group discussion for one session. Each group had a different assignment such as developing a program for wildlife surveillance and discuss certain topics in Sri Lanka such as Rinderpest surveillance and Avian Influenza surveillance. Every group consisted of participants from Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Indonesia and in the end everybody compared their activities or programs in wildlife surveillance. Through the discussion, people exchanged information and programs in order to engage ideas that would be valuable for improvement the program in each country. (wind)

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