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Bhutan:

12 May, 2012: Incurable disease kills 25 dogs and counting

The dzongkhag has announced the outbreak of canine distemper which has already killed 25 dogs in the dzongkhag. Several of those that are alive have also been infected. So far, about 90 strays have been given antibiotics to fight the viral infection. The dzongkhag has around 336 pet dogs. [more]

07 May, 2012: TADinfo and GPS training in East Central region

The Transboundry Animal Disease Information System (TADinfo) training for East Central region covering the Dzongkhag (Bumthang, Trongsa, Zhemgang & Sarpang) and three government farms was carried out from 24th April to 29th, 2012 at Regional Livestock Development Centre (RLDC) at Zhemgang. [more]

India:

13 May, 2012: Chikungunya 'resurfaces' in Ganjam, many affected

Chikungunya is suspected to have resurfaced in Ganjam district with many persons in Boxipalli village exhibiting symptoms of the mosquito-borne viral disease. This alphavirus is transmitted by *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* mosquitoes. [more]

09 May, 2012: Rabies- Tamil Nadu, canine, human

A 4.5-year-old boy bitten by a stray dog 3 weeks ago died of rabies at the Institute of Child Health (ICH) in Egmore on Monday [7 May 2012]. This is the 3rd rabies death at the hospital this year. According to statistics available from the corporation of Chennai, 40 446 people in 2010 and 38 454 people in 2011 were bitten by dogs across the city. [more]

Pakistan:

16 May, 2012: Sand fly assault: New disease takes the locals of Chattar by surprise

About 70 people in Karlot near Chattar have been affected by cutaneous leishmaniasis, a skin ulcer caused by infected female sand flies, but less than half have approached doctors for treatment. [more]

12 May, 2012: Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (Balochistan)

There has been an outbreak of 8 cases of Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever (CCHF) in Pakistan including 3 deaths which have date of onset between 5 Apr to 28 Apr 2012. CCHF is endemic in this region and Pakistan is one of the countries most affected by the disease. The disease is transmitted from cattle and sheep to humans via a tick vector and can also spread from person to person via infected blood. [more]

09 May, 2012: Newcastle disease outbreaks and vaccine failure

During the last 3 to 5 months most of the poultry farmers in Pakistan and in Afghanistan saw acute outbreaks of Newcastle disease in commercial poultry and domestic birds. The prevailing scenario indicates 2 major factors. [more]

Others:

17 May, 2012: Leishmaniasis vaccine trial underway

A vaccine against one of the most neglected yet fatal tropical diseases is being tested for the first time in a clinical trial in India and the US. After malaria, leishmaniasis is the second largest parasitic killer, and the visceral form is the most deadly. [more]

13 May, 2012: Virus 'barcodes' offer rapid detection of mutated strains

Researchers at the University of Leeds are developing a way to 'barcode' viral diseases to rapidly test new outbreaks for potentially lethal mutations. [more]