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INDIA

15 May 2015: Delay in FMD Vaccination puts Cattle at risk in South India

Hundreds of thousands of Indian cattle are at risk from foot and mouth disease due to government staffing issues in the south of the country. Many cattle have already died in the region, particularly 'white cattle' which are very prone to the highly contagious and fatal disease. Records show this is because twice annual vaccinations scheduled for January and June are at times not being met. Several districts are suffering from the delay in vaccines. Srikakulam district has a high population of the more susceptible 'white cattle' population and is one of the endemic districts. [read more](#)

PAKISTAN

14 May 2015: Private hospital staff put under observation after death of CCHF patient

As many as 15 staff members, including doctors, nurses and paramedics, at a private medical facility, Maroof International Hospital, have been under observation after handling a patient who died of Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF) here on Saturday night. A 30-year-old male patient, Hafeezullah, was brought to a healthcare facility in Peshawar from Afghanistan last week where he was initially treated for liver failure but his condition continued to deteriorate and he was referred to the Maroof International Hospital for ICU support on May 7. At the Intensive Care Unit of MIH, the patient was put on a ventilator. His complete blood profile showed massive bleeding inside the body and after suspecting him to be a patient of CCHF, the hospital kept him in isolation and notified the Epidemic Investigation Cell of the National Institute of Health (NIH). The patient was given antiviral treatment and immunoglobulin, but his condition became critical and he continued to bleed inside his lungs and was like drowning in his own blood, said Dr. Muhammad Haroon, an intensive care specialist serving at the MIH and Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences as a medical specialist. [read more](#)

17 May 2015: Congo fever claims first casualty of the year

A 38-year-old man died at Ziauddin Hospital in Clifton on Saturday after being suspected for the Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever (CCHF), a day earlier. Subject to confirmation, the case will make him the first reported casualty of the year, by the vector-borne disease usually transmitted by Hyalomma ticks. The patient, Sabir Majeed, was brought to the healthcare facility on Friday, where he was suspected to be suffering from the CCHF, due to acute symptoms of the disease, including high-grade fever with massive internal as well as nasal and oral bleeding. "At the hospital, he underwent intensive care in isolation but his condition continued to deteriorate as he suffered complete shutdown of vital organs," a hospital spokesperson told The Express Tribune. "Our internal laboratory reports reflected the onset of CCHF, however the reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) test report, based on the patient's blood samples, have yet to arrive from Aga Khan University Hospital (AKUH) to substantiate our reservations." [read more](#)

OTHERS

15 Apr 2015: Case of bird flu raises concern for pet owners

Local veterinarian offices are being warned to be on the lookout for canine influenza. Dogs can get the flu and it can be deadly and there's serious concern about an outbreak spreading. The outbreak is raging in the Chicago area, but for the first time, a dog with the potentially deadly strain of flu has been found in Texas, in fact, right outside Houston. The dog park is the perfect place for your furry friend to get some exercise and socialize; it is also a place they could pick up the H3N2 canine influenza virus. "I'd be very worried if my dogs came down with the symptoms," said Jessica Fleischmann. Jessica is a vet tech student. She has heard about H3N2 because of the ongoing outbreak in the Chicago area where it has sickened more than a thousand dogs and killed a half dozen. Now, for the first time, the virus is in Texas. A dog near Baytown tested positive for H3N2 after its owners moved to Beach City from Chicago. "It's really worrisome because it seemed like it was so far away and now that it is really close to home, it's scary because it can spread pretty quickly," said Fleischmann. [read more](#)