

## South Asia Weekly Animal Disease E-Information

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### INDIA

#### 29 Jun 2017: Cases of Anthrax reported in Andhra Pradesh

Three more cases of cutaneous anthrax were reported from Kodupunjuvalasa village in Araku Mandal district of Visakhapatnam on Wednesday. Eight villagers have now been confirmed to be suffering from the illness, which is spread by contact with the spores of the bacteria, which are often from infectious animal products. A door-to-door survey on the disease and living conditions of the tribals was conducted. Laboratory diagnosis by RTPCR test showed that the patient is reportedly affected by anthrax [Read More](#). However, there are no animal infected or ill-health condition reported in animals, despite eight positive cases of human cutaneous anthrax were reported from the Kodupunjuvalasa village of Araku. [More](#)

#### 01 Jul 2017: Three horses euthanised: Glanders disease now in Badaun, Utter Pradesh

Three horses in Badaun district were euthanised after they tested positive for the deadly Glanders disease. Earlier in the month, six mules were tested positive for the disease in Chitrakoot Dham division and were euthanised to check the spread of the disease. Badaun veterinary officials have sent 94 equine samples to the Hisar based National Research Centre on Equines laboratory for testing. Since after receiving report from laboratory, veterinary doctors in Badaun have been sending 10 blood samples of equines to the Hisar laboratory every week. Badaun has sent 94 animal samples for testing. [Read More](#)

#### 03 Jul 2017: substantial rise in dog-bite cases, Goa

As many as 73,180 dog-bite cases have been reported across the state since the last four and half years which includes 36,848 cases from north Goa and 36,332 cases reported in south Goa, reveals the data provided by the Directorate of Health Services. As per the report, Goa has witnessed a substantial rise in the number of dog-bite cases. A total of 12,857 cases were reported in the year 2013 after which the state witnessed a 44 per cent rise in the dog-bite cases with a total of 18,585 cases being reported in 2016. From January till May 2017, the state has witnessed 9,094 cases of dog bites. These dog-bite cases were reported in 26 units from North Goa and 25 units from South Goa including government hospitals, health centres, private hospitals and private doctors. [Read More](#)

### OTHERS

#### 05 Jul 2017: H5N2 avian flu hits more Taiwanese poultry farms

Taiwan yesterday reported six more highly pathogenic H5N2 outbreaks, all of them involving commercial poultry farms, according to a notification from the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE). All of the events occurred at locations on the southwest side of the island: three in Yunlin County, two in Tainan City, and one in Pingtung County. The outbreaks began from Jun 22 till Jun 27, affecting facilities housing ducks, turkeys, native chickens, and geese. Of 53,085 susceptible birds, the virus killed 5,899, and authorities culled the surviving poultry to curb the spread of the virus. Taiwan has been battling H5N2 and other avian flu strains since early 2015. [Read More](#)