

Country Updates

Members' updates on follow-up actions from 3rd SA-RABNET and other recent actions/progress on rabies diagnosis and surveillance

4th South Asia Rabies Laboratory Network (SA-RABNET) Meeting

29 October 2025, 3 PM Japan time (Zoom)

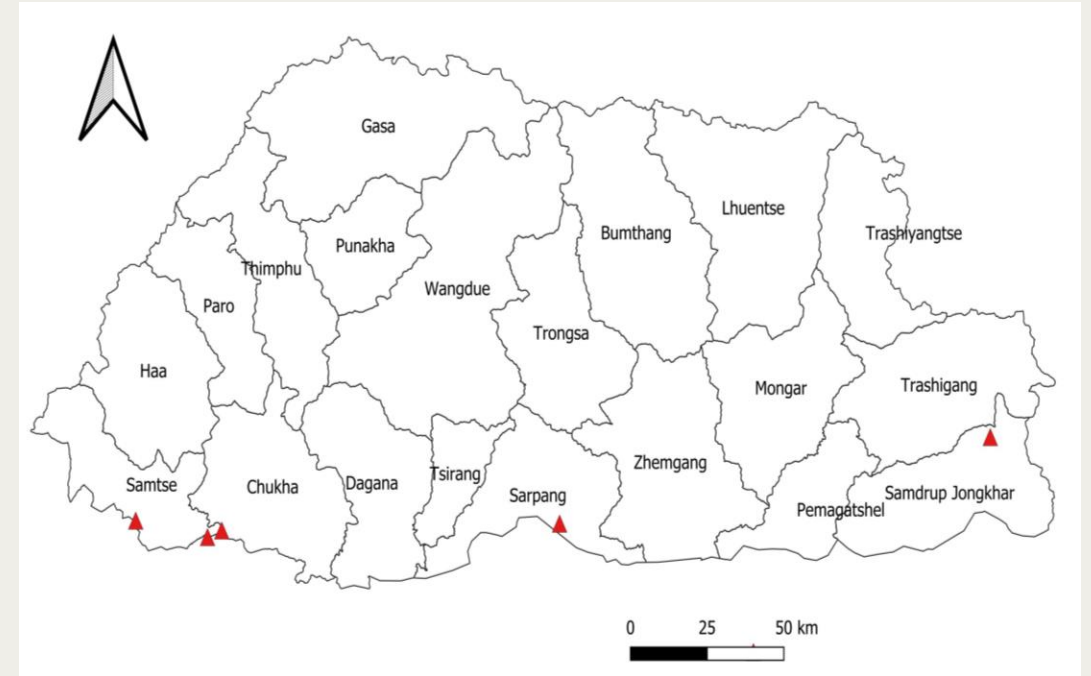
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Rabies outbreak since March 2025

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- Six outbreaks reported 5 districts since March 2025
- All outbreaks in the southern district bordering India
- 6 stray dogs, 1 pet dog and 1 cat affected and dead
- Human counterpart informed on the outbreaks
- PEP and RIG provided- as per the WHO requirements



Diagnostic activities/Training

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- FAT set up in two regional laboratory – RLDC Kanglung and RVH & EC Phuntsholing
- PT testing conducted for FAT by NCAH, Serbithang
- Hand-on-Training on FVNT by expert from NIID , Japan
- Support for FVNT by NIID, Japan
- Two batches of Animal Health Refresher course completed – rabies taught as one of important diseases
- Laboratory refresher course- 2 days – covered rabies and other diseases

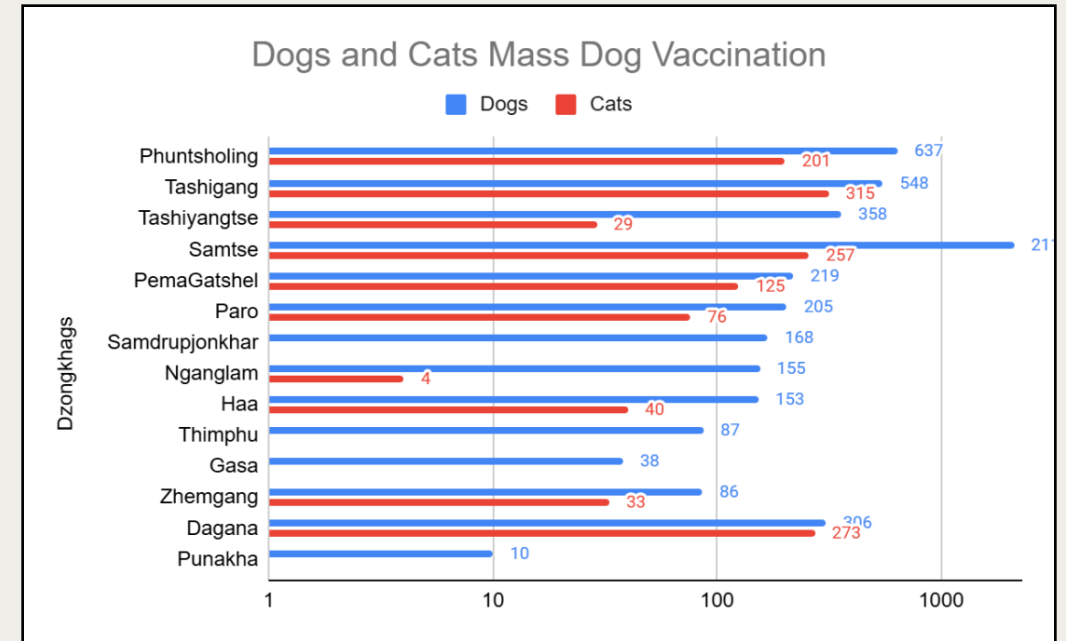


Rabies related activities carried out in Bhutan

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MDV and feral dog maangements

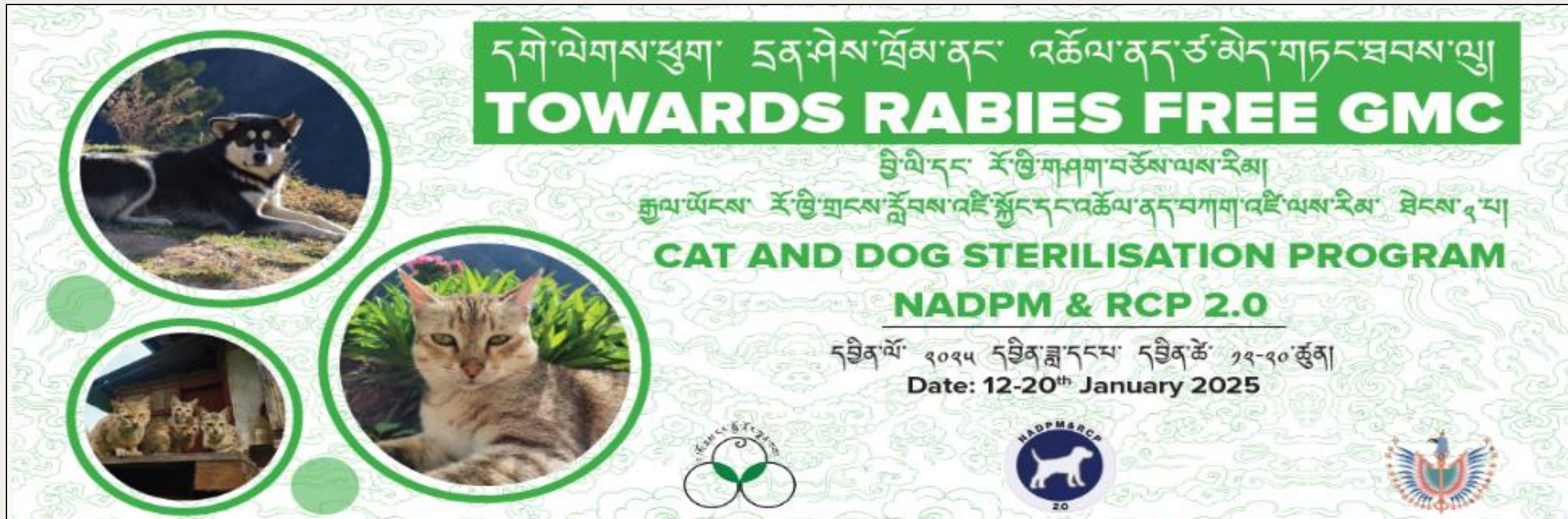
- 5084 dogs and 1353 cats vaccinated across 13 Dzongkhags (high risk areas)
- Samtse recorded the highest number of vaccinated dogs (2,114), followed by Chukha-Phuentsholing (637) and Trashigang (548).
- 752 dogs and 225 cats were sterilized in 8 dzongkhags.
- Highest dog sterilizations in Paro (205), followed by Samtse (177), Haa (105), and Phuentsholing (117).



NADPM & RCP 2.0 (GMC)

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1. To achieve zero free-roaming dogs
2. To achieve zero rabies incidence
3. To ensure 100% compliance to responsible pet ownership



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TOWARDS RABIES FREE GMC

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CAT AND DOG STERILISATION PROGRAM

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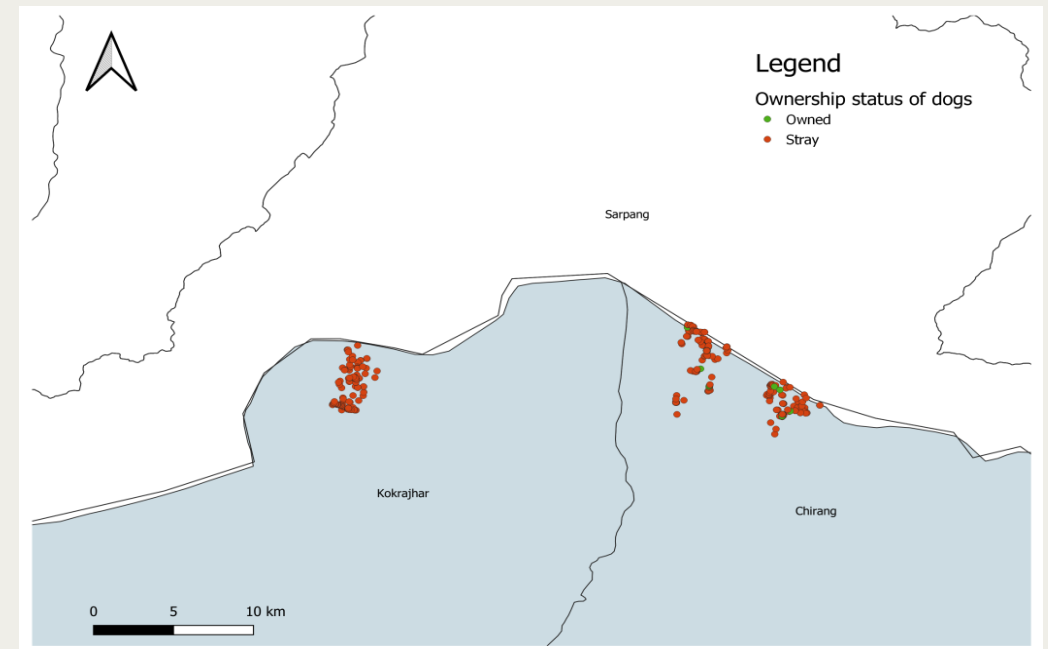
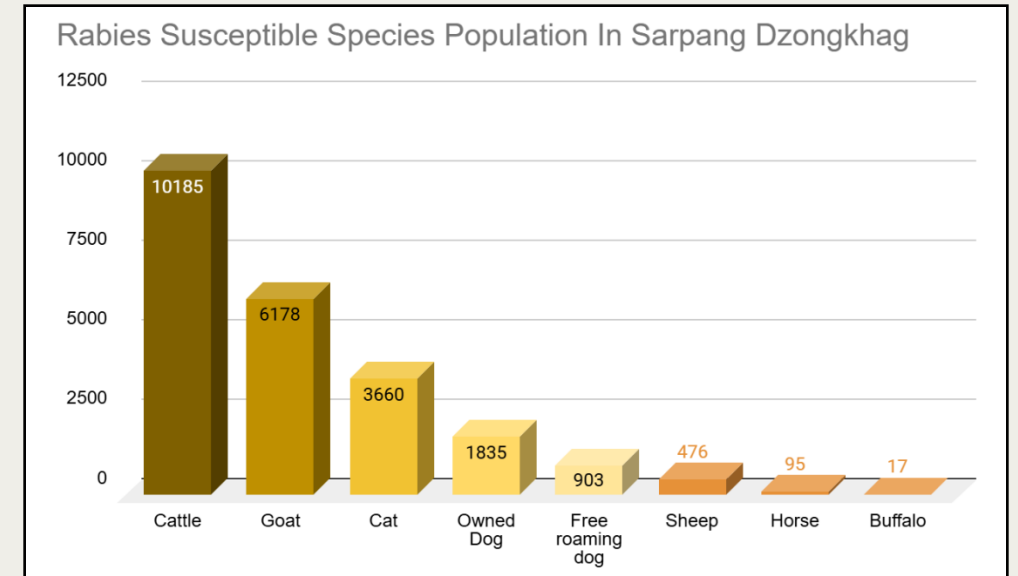
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Date: 12-20th January 2025



Rabies related activities carried out in Bhutan

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- Survey (all livestock Spp.)
- Sterilization of pets
 - Cats-2476
 - Dogs -395
- Sheltering of free-roaming dogs
 - Phase 1-518
 - Phase 2-338
- Cross border vaccination
 - Dog-560
 - Cat- 17



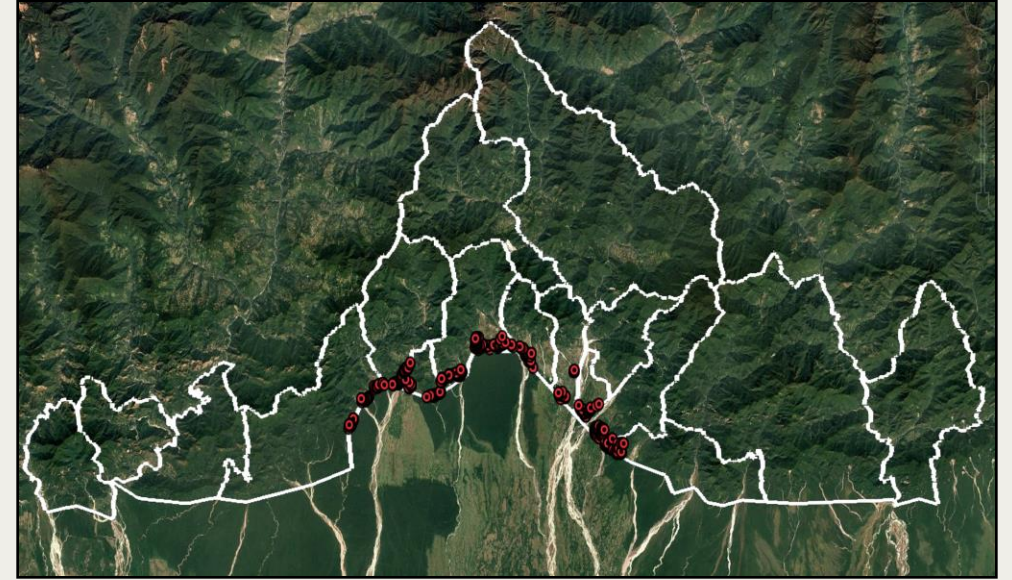
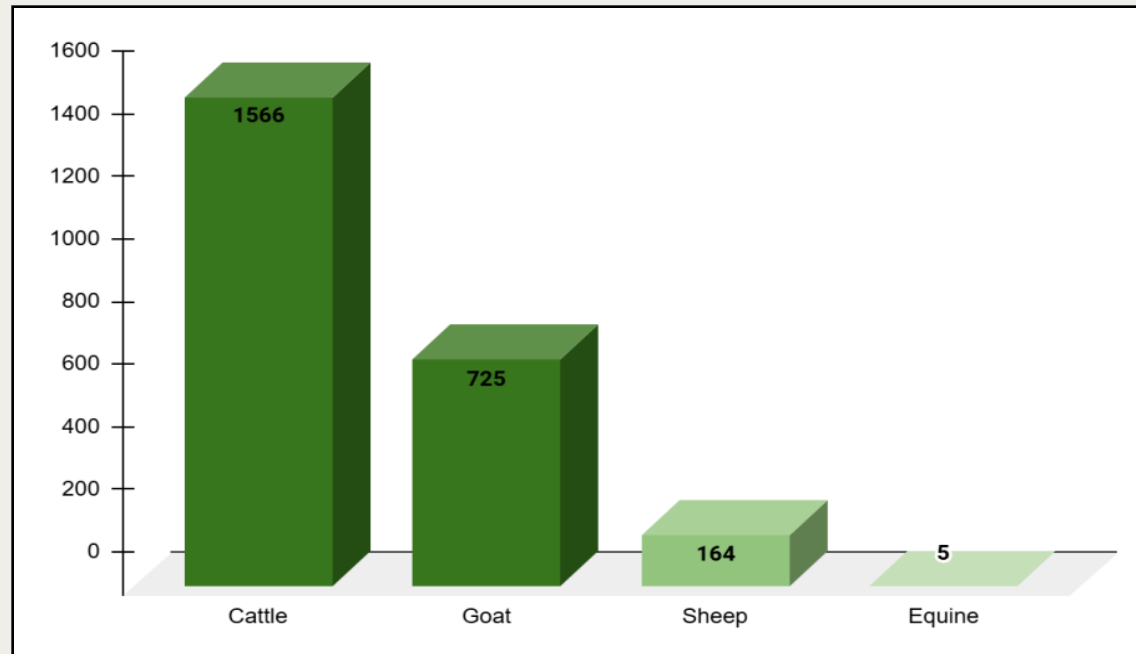
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- **Susceptible Species Vaccination**
2,515 animals across 25 chiwogs
- **Reinforce responsible pet ownership**
(Microchipping and Registration)

Cat -825

Dog- 91




Surveillance and reporting

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- Flash reporting— every single cases reported through Veterinary information system (VIS)
- Samples submitted through online Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS)
- Passive surveillance during peace time and active surveillance during outbreaks
- Enhancement of VIS/LIMS completed
- TOT training on VIS/LIMS/EVSS completed

Veterinary Information System



The Veterinary Information System (VIS) is an online animal health information management system in Bhutan. It records data concerning veterinary services delivery in all the animal health extension centres, regional and central livestock farms, and other relevant agencies in the country. The technical services available in the system are Individual (clinical, vaccination, deworming and sterilization), Mass (clinical, vaccination and deworming), Pet Information Management, Dog Population Management/ Mass Dog Vaccination, and Disease Outbreaks. The system can generate reports on all the services to inform policy decisions on animal health. The system also archives all the past animal health data, including the notifiable disease outbreaks reported in the country since 1996.


For any queries related to the operation and functionalities of the system, please contact the system administrator, DPCU, NCAH, at +975 02 351083/351093.

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Support from WOAH or reference laboratory

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- Molecular analysis / Antibody titer
- HR training
- Wildlife surveillance ???
- Laboratory equipment calibrations, accreditations, certification etc.
- PVS Follow-Up Evaluation mission – guide on Bhutan mission to achieve zero human dog mediated rabies by 2030



Thanks