

Improving livelihood of Kenyans!

# **KVA NEWS**

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# Strengthening collaboration with partners

Brooke whose objective is to improve welfare of working donkeys and horses has greatly partnered with KVA on a Donkey Welfare Project on-going at Kajiado. They provide veterinary services by training local health service providers and promote better and sustainable care by donkey owners and users.



KVA NEC meeting with Brooke EA



KVA Chairman Dr. Kahariri trying his hands at the putting green

### September 2016



#### CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE- DR. KAHARIRI

I present to you the KVA newsletter covering the first quarter that highlights the key focus of the team. The new team having settled in their respective offices have embarked on serious business of ensuring that they fulfill the promises they gave to the KVA membership.

KVA continues to seek and build new partnerships while strengthening the existing ones that will see the achievement of her objectives towards improving the livelihoods of Kenyans. We continue to urge members to support and be good ambassadors of KVA and to shun any negative energies that could be geared towards achiev ing interest other than to better the veterinary profession. The current leadership of KVA will endeavor to continue being in the forefront in the advocacy in all matters affecting the veterinary profession either directly or indirectly. The team has also undertaken to put in place members products that will improve the experience of our members and therefore urge all the members to support the initiative by taking up the products and being in the forefront to make it happen. We continue to urge our members to continue being supportive to the team as they selflessly serve the profession. Thanks to those members who have already appreciated the existing opportunities they have to be counted as part of the change

I encourage all the veterinarians who are yet to become members to join the association and together we move this profession to our dream position.

Thanks for being part of the change!



Golf Clinic- Leaning never ends, more vets can play golf.

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A man leads away his 48 dogs after they were vaccinated against rabies (photo by Sam Thumbi)

### Dr. Agness Korir nominated for WRD MSD awards



Following the tragic loss in 2004 of her seven year old daughter, Sharon, to rabies, Dr. Agnes Korir founded the Sharon Live On Foundation.



Agnes Korir Shortlist Category: Individual Region: Sub-Saharan Africa Country: Kenya

### Sharon Live On Foundation

Members and partners are invited to the 10th World Rabies Day and VOYA awards to be held by KVA and its partners at Mombasa County from 27-28 September, 2016. There will be a rabies scientific conference on 27th, dogs and cats rabies vaccination and post vaccination survey on 28th during the day and VOYA awards ceremony in the evening.

So far the foundation has delivered over 270,000 vaccinations to dogs, over 150,000 in Nandi County, Kenya, where Sharon received her fatal exposure to rabies through a dog bite.

Dr. Korir makes personal sacrifices to ensure rabies control initiatives continue to run and works with strategic partners like the Kenya Veterinary Association.

### **Up-coming event**



# Rabies vaccination in Bondo- Siaya County

There was mass vaccination of dogs against rabies on 19/08/2016 in Bondo whereby a total of 1340 dogs where vaccinated and a post vaccination survey followed in the afternoon. The event was a collaboration by the ZDU, WSU, KVA, Sharon Live On Foundation among others.



The vaccinations in Bondo where in line with the strategy for elimination of human rabies by 2030 in Kenya which was launched two years ago. The implementation plan has started by focusing on select pilot regions where the elimination strategies would be tested, demonstrate success in those pilot regions, and quickly scale up to the rest of the country achieving the target of zero rabies deaths in humans by 2030. The idea is to vaccinate 70% of the dog population in three consecutive years by observing the stipulated three pillars of the rabies elimination strategy for Kenya. Similar exercise is on-going in Makueni County spearheaded by World Animal Protection.

### **OTHER NEWS**

### President Kenyatta lays foundation for Wangari Mathai Institute

President Uhuru Kenyatta laid the foundation stone for an ultramodern centre at the University of Nairobi to house the Wangari Mathai Institute for Peace and Environmental Studies. The institute at the UoN Upper Kabete Campus will be a global centre of excellence in environmental governance and its linkages with peace and democracy. After laying the foundation stone, President Kenyatta joined students in one of the lecture halls at the College of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences (CAVS) and urged them to shun tribalism and to work together as Kenyans to achieve their dreams.

Education Cabinet Secretary Fred Matiang'i, Environment CS Judy Wakhungu and the university officials led by Vice Chairman Prof Peter Mbithi and CAVS principal Prof. Kiama attended the function.

Dr. David Kios takes office as the new MD of Kenya Animal Genetics Resources Centre (KAGRC)

KVA congratulates you on your new appointment and we are willing to work together to improve the livestock yield and status together with animals and veterinarians welfare.



Wangari Maathai institute ground breaking by president Uhuru Kenyatta as the PS Education Dr. Matiang'i, UoN VC Prof. Mbithi, CAVS principal Prof. Kiamaand others looking on.

### KAGRC finds a new MD, congrats Dr. Kios



### The KVA mentorship programme launched

KVA mentorship programme organized by Kenya Women Veterinary Association (KWVA) was launched on 26th August at Qaribu Inn. School boys and girls, students in vet and vet related fields, those who want to be vets or any other profession, and fresh graduates will be nurtured and mentored to achieve their professional desires and ambitions and to be great leaders in future.



### Sad news!

Death has robbed us again, sincere condolences to the families and friends of:

- 1. Dr. William Dickson Kaloki
- 2. Dr. Patrick Njenga Ndonga
- 3. Dr. Allan Joseph Njogu
- 4. Dr. David Itotia Karioki

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# Other Upcoming Calendar events

Activity	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL
World Rabies Day Celebrations and a Scientific									
Conference									
World Animal Day Celebrations									
KVA jubilee celebration/International confer-									
ence									
Vet of the year Award ceremony									
ver of the year Award ceremony									
CSR activities-Field days									

To participate in any of these events contact the KVA National office