

Kenya Veterinary Association



World Rabies Day Celebrations Report



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1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This year's events were conducted by KVA in partnership with the following stakeholders and partners;

- State Department of Livestock
- Directorate of Veterinary Services
- World Animal Protection
- Coopers Kenya
- Merial
- Ultravetis
- Kenya Veterinary Vaccines Production Institute (KEVEVAPI)
- OIE and European Union
- Brooke East Africa.
- Bayer East Africa
- County government of Mombasa
- Zoonotic Disease Unit



KVA would like to express sincere gratitude to all the partners and stakeholders for the support and partnership in ensuring that this event was a success.

Special thanks also goes to the organizing committee which comprised of;

- KVA National Executive committee members
- KVA Scientific committee members
- KVA Publicity and IT Innovations committee members
- KVA Projects and Resource Mobilization committee members
- KVA Policy, Legal and Welfare Committee members
- KVA Secretariat
- The Local Organizing committee
 - KVA Coast branch
 - Mombasa County Veterinary Office
 - Office of the Governor Mombasa County
 - Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, Mombasa County.
- All other individual KVA members and partners who played any part.

This event would not be a success without your valuable inputs. Thank you!

2. INTRODUCTION

World Rabies Day is an International event that takes place each year on September 28, World Rabies Day aims to raise awareness among the community about the impact of rabies on humans and animals, provide information and advice on how to prevent the disease, and how individuals and organizations can help eliminate the main global sources. Rabies is a neglected disease with devastating consequences. At least one person every ten minutes dies from rabies. Comparatively, the cost of post-exposure treatment in human is approximately 50 times higher than prevention through vaccination of the animals which are the main source of the infection.

This year, the Kenya Veterinary Association (KVA) in partnership with several stakeholders joined the rest of the world in the efforts to prevent and where possible to eliminate rabies from the Kenya population by celebrating in a series of events in Mombasa County.

3. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of these celebrations included the following;

- Raise awareness among the community about the impact of rabies on humans and animals,
- Create a platform for the stakeholders to share experiences and new innovations in rabies control
- To initiate the mass dog vaccination campaigns in Mombasa County, Kenya.
- To demonstrate alternative approach to the dog and cat population control

4. APPROACH

These celebrations were marked by a Rabies Scientific conference, Rabies vaccination program for dog and cats, dog and cat population control, Public awareness creation and the Vet of the Year awards.

a) Rabies Scientific Conference:

This year World Rabies Day Scientific conference took place on the coastal city of Kenya, Mombasa, on 27th and 28th September 2016. The theme of the conference was ***“Educate, Vaccinate, Eliminate”***



The scientific conference was held at Sai Rock Hotel in Mombasa on 27th September 2016. The conference attracted a total of 209 delegates. The participants had a chance to listen to presentation in diverse areas including and not limited to;

- the progress of National Rabies Control strategy implementation, responsible dog ownership,
- disconnect in the human and animal rabies control,
- trends in rabies research and surveillance,
- Policy environment in animal rabies control

The workshop was officially opened by Ms. Lorna Odera, Director of Administration, State Department of Livestock who represented the Principal Secretary, State Department of Livestock.

The workshop participants also had an opportunity to discuss the proposed amendments to the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Paraprofessionals act, Cap 366 by Kenya Veterinary Board.



b) Rabies Vaccinations and Dog population control



The field events took place on 28th September 2016 in the morning with a procession in Shanzu grounds along Mombasa- Malindi Highway which brought the highway to a standstill. The participants marched through the main Mombasa- Malindi highway with a procession band, banners and songs sensitizing the area residents of the need to eliminate rabies in the country.

Afterwards, the participants congregated at Shanzu Bush bar grounds where volunteers were divided in to a total of 16 vaccination teams to cover the identified 16 sites in Kisauni Sub-County.

The team leaders were issued with necessary items for the vaccinations, deworming spay and neuter.

All the dogs in the sites were vaccinated against rabies and dewormed to control the parasites.

The guests made a tour in the main site where they witnessed all the activities which were in the main site.

c) Public Baraza:



The baraza was held in the main site(Shanzu grounds) and was graced by Ms. Lorna Odero, representative for Principal secretary, State Department of Livestock accompanied by Dr Kisa Juma Ngeiywa, Director of Veterinary Services, Dr Walter Masiga, the Regional representative for OiE, , Dr Kahariri Samuel, KVA chairman, Dr Mwenda Mbaka, KVB Chairman Dr Dave Kehara, the Ag. Chief Officer, Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Mombasa County and the representative of the AU-Ibar. Various guest had an opportunity to address and sensitize the public on various aspect of rabies control. The OiE delegates had an opportunity to participate in the celebrations.

d) Post Vaccination Survey

A post vaccination survey was conducted after the vaccination in order to assess the coverage of the exercise. This was done by a selected team guided by the Washington State University (WSU) and the Zoonotic Disease Unit (ZDU). This was done in two centres which were Kashani Primary and Utange primary.

e) Media advocacy

A week before the events, there was extensive media campaigns in the national televisions, radios and the local dailies. This was undertaken in partnership with the World Animal Protection.

The team engaged the media during the World rabies day Celebrations in order to boost the sensitization and awareness creation to the members of the public



f) Vet of the Year Awards (VOYA)



VOYA ceremony took place on 28th September 2016 evening at Travelers beach resort. This event was graced by the CEC in charge of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, Mombasa County, Hon Anthony Njaramba. Other guests included Director of Veterinary Services, Representative of PS, SDL, Ms. Lorna Odera, OIE representative, Brooke EA representative KVA chairman and KVB chairman among others. The dinner was sponsored by the Brooke EA. Other sponsors for the VOYA included; Cooper (K) brands, Norbrook Kenya ltd and the Kenya Veterinary Board.

VOYA Winners 2016

Category	Winner
Veterinarian of the year Award	Dr. Joseph Othieno
Lifetime achievement Award	Dr. Paul Sayer
Veterinary Industry Award	Dr. Kenneth Mbogori
KVA Advocacy Award	Dr. Elizabeth Ouko
Veterinary Public Service award	Dr. Grace Gachacha
Animal Welfare Award	Dr. Emily Mudoga
Veterinary Clinician Award	Dr. Allan Elavula
Meritious Service Award	Dr. Teresa Gichane
Young Veterinarian of the year Award	Dr. Kelvin Momanyi Nyariaro

5. RESULTS

The rabies conference was attended by a total of 209 delegates who were issued with certificates of attendance. These events earned veterinarians and veterinary paraprofessionals a total of 10 CPD points

Vaccination certificates were issued for all dogs and cats vaccinated and the same records kept in Rabies manifests.

During the exercise the following were vaccinated against rabies and dewormed;

- 2478 dogs
- 193 cats

Dog and cat population control activities included spay and neuter program which saw five dogs spayed and nine dogs castrated.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

Due to the large number of the dogs and cats in Mombasa County and bearing in mind that the vaccination exercise was conducted in only one Sub-county out of the total of 3 Sub-counties, It is recommended that the County Veterinary services continues with the mass rabies vaccinations to cover the entire county. The team was provided with a total of 3500 doses of anti-rabies vaccine for that purpose.

KVA participation and collaboration with other partners in such events goes a long way to achieve its objectives as an organization of the people on animal health matters and allied. We therefore recommend the partners and stakeholders to continue with the strong collaborations displayed during these events towards rabies eradication

Appendix 1

2016 WORLD RABIES DAY CPD PROGRAM

Theme: Rabies; Educate, Vaccinate and Eliminate

DAY 1: 27th September 2016

VENUE: Sai Rock Hotel, Mombasa

Time	Activity	Presenter
Session 1:		Session Chairman:
8:00 – 8:15 am	Registration, introductions and opening remarks	KVA
8:15 – 8:55 am	<i>Proposed amendments to the VSVP Act Cap 366</i>	Mary Agutu
8:55 – 9:35 am	<i>The disconnect in the human and animal Rabies Control</i>	Wycliff Mbaya
9:35 – 10:15 am	<i>Contribution of Responsible Dog ownership towards international end rabies 2030 concept</i>	Emily Mudoga
10:15 – 10:30 am	Plenary discussion	All Participants
10:30 – 11:00am	Tea Break	
11:00-11:10am	Opening Ceremony	Principal Secretary, SDL
Session 2:		Session Chairman:
11:10 – 11:40 am	<i>Animal Rabies control policy environment in Kenya</i>	Kisa Juma Ngeiywa
11:40 – 12:10 pm	<i>Global elimination of Rabies- OIE perspective</i>	Samuel Wakhusama
12:10-12:40pm	<i>Lessons learnt from National Rabies control strategy implementation</i>	Sam Thumbi
12:40-1:00pm	<i>Makueni County pilot Rabies Elimination Strategy Implementation update</i>	Daniel Ksee
1:00 – 1:15 pm	Plenary discussion	All Participants
1:15– 2:00pm	Lunch Break	
Session 3:		Session Chairman:
2:00 – 2:40pm	<i>Operational research in Rabies control strategy implementation</i>	Mathew Muturi
2:40 – 3:20 pm	<i>Trends in Rabies Research</i>	Peninah Munyua
3:20 – 4:00 pm	<i>Rabies epidemiology in Coastal belt of Kenya</i>	Wilson Wahome
4:00 – 4:30 pm	<i>Successful Field canine Rabies Vaccination ,the Merial Experience</i>	Joseph Kitur
4:30 – 4:45 pm	Plenary Discussions	
4:45 – 5:00 pm	Closing remarks	
5:00 pm	Tea & Departure	

DAY 2: 28th September 2016

VENUE: Mombasa County

WORLD RABIES DAY – FIELD DAY	
Activities	<i>Pet Vaccinations (Rabies &), Spay & Neuter, Deworming Public Baraza on Rabies Awareness, Responsible pet ownership in 16 sites</i>
Venue	<i>Main Venue – Shanzu Grounds, Mombasa County</i>
Chief Guests	<i>Governor, Mombasa County PS Ministry of Agric, Livestock</i>
Time	<i>8am – 3pm</i>
	<i>Vet Of The Year Awards (VOYA)</i>
Venue	<i>Travellers Beach Hotel, Mombasa County</i>
Time	<i>6:30pm-9:00pm</i>