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Global Antibiotics Awareness Week

WORLD ANTIBIOTIC AWARENESS WEEK
16-22 NOVEMBER 2015



16th-22nd November saw healthcare organisations around the world take part in the first ever World Antibiotic Awareness Week. HealthforAnimals joined the call for global action against the growing resistance to antibiotics and other antimicrobial medicines in a press statement.

Executive Director of HealthforAnimals Carel du Marchie Sarvaas said that the association always endorses the responsible use of all veterinary medicines, including antibiotics. The motto is, "as little as possible, as much as necessary" and always under the guidance of a veterinary professional.

[Read the full press statement](#)

HealthforAnimals launches guide on antibiotics in veterinary science



As part of the World Antibiotic Awareness Week activities HealthforAnimals launched a guide entitled, "Antibiotics and antibiotic resistance in veterinary science". The publication is destined to serve as a guide to understanding the issue and avoiding inaccurate or misleading information. It also aims to raise greater awareness on the need for antibiotics in veterinary medicine.

[Download the publication](#)

HealthforAnimals position: Rabies can and must be eradicated

The animal health industry supports the work and engagement from organisations and bodies such as the World Health Organisation (WHO), the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), the Food and Agricultural Organisation of the UN (FAO) and the Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC) in the drive to eradicate rabies.

HealthforAnimals published its position on rabies eradication during the WHO/OIE global conference on rabies held on 10-11 December 2015 in Geneva, Switzerland. The animal health industry has a significant role to play in the fight against rabies through dog vaccines, and lends its full support to the eradication of this disease.

[Read our position paper](#)

New infographic on rabies: Why vaccines matter



With rabies killing up to 70,000 people each year throughout the world – mostly in Africa and Asia – HealthforAnimals published an infographic to highlight the success of reducing the number of human cases of rabies through dog vaccination programmes.

Dog vaccination is the preferred method of control, preventing more than 95% of human cases at only about 10% of the costs needed for post-bite treatment in people.

[Download the infographic](#)

VICH: Reaching out to the world



The VICH* 5 Conference, with the theme “Reaching Out to the World”, was held in Tokyo on 28-29 October 2015. Organised by the Japanese Veterinary Pharmaceutical Association (JVPA), the conference brought together veterinary product regulators and other stakeholders. 23 countries were represented in the debates on the benefits of VICH outreach to non-VICH countries.

Discussions focused on the benefits of VICH guidelines for non-VICH member countries, the needs and priorities of non-VICH countries regarding the technical requirements for the registration of veterinary medicines, and the contribution of VICH to the global One Health approach, to food security and to animal welfare. At the steering committee which took place in conjunction with the conference the initiative also adopted its [priorities for the next five years](#).

*International Cooperation on Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Registration of Veterinary Medicinal Products

For more info visit: www.vichsec.org

Launch of STAR-IDAZ International Research Consortium



The STAR-IDAZ International Research Consortium on animal health will have a launch celebration prior to the Horizon 2020 conference “Designing the Path: a Strategic Approach to EU Agriculture Research and Innovation” to be held from 26-28 January 2015 in Brussels.

As a STAR-IDAZ partner, HealthforAnimals looks forward to considering potential synergies in research programmes to address global challenges facing animal health and agricultural production through multi-lateral cooperation.

[More information on the conference and launch celebration](#)

Season's greetings from HealthforAnimals



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