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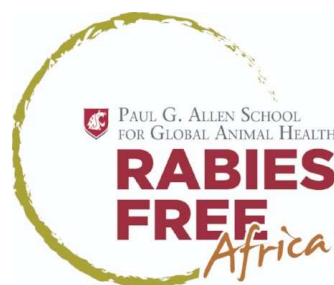


Rabies Free Africa: A Veterinarian's Perspective

In April, four WSU alumni, whose veterinary clinics were two of our first supporters of the rabies vaccination program, traveled to Kenya and Tanzania to see it in person.

While there, they had the chance to see a central point vaccination clinic and, on another day, walk along with the team while visiting Maasai households (called bomas) during the boma-to-boma vaccination strategy. They also helped trace the path of a bite victim to determine if the source dog had rabies and were able to sit in on a planning day for the next phase of the rabies vaccine thermo-stability research project.

The action didn't stop there! The group visited other Allen School projects not related to rabies to better understand the scope of the work done in east Africa. They learned about antibiotic effectiveness in Kibera, a densely populated slum in Nairobi, and the long-term study evaluating the



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[Mission Rabies: Saving Lives One Vaccine at a Time \(podcast\)](#)

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[Rabies Elimination: Community Led Delivery of Dog Vaccines is Key.](#)

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[VCA All Critters](#) in Sammamish, WA as part of the VCA Pennies for Pets third quarter program

[Crossroads Veterinary](#)

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Along the way, they had the fortune of meeting amazing local people, including spending time with kids while in school and congratulating a couple who was getting married near Lake Manyara.

Dr. Beth Fritzier tells about the trip from her and Dr. Tim Kraabel's perspective on their [Lien Animal Hospital blog](#).

Dr. Kyle Frandle shared a few pictures that he and Kathy Frandle took on his [Instagram page](#).



from Wyoming

[Sunset Hill Veterinary & Rehab Center](#) in Seattle, WA

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Beyond Vaccination

Mass dog vaccination is the most cost effective way to achieve the goal of eliminating rabies as a human health concern.

However, that is not the full scope of our program. We are also investigating ways of making the vaccination of dogs more efficient by coupling it with deworming of children. We expect that by doing so, more children and more dogs will attend the clinics. Additionally, dogs that receive vaccinations are treated for other medical conditions.

The Rabies Free Tanzania veterinary team carries limited medical supplies when visiting rural communities surrounding the Serengeti. In addition to receiving vaccinations, dogs with wounds are treated with topical antibiotics

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cases, they may offer deworming or anti-mite medication for a dog that is thin or mangy.

Social Media Posts

Below are social media posts that you can share with your networks.

Facebook

Our partners at WSU were fortunate to have one of their rabies researchers from Kenya, Dr. Thumbi Mwangi featured in [Dr. Courtney A. Campbell's](#) podcast discussing #Rabies. You can hear him talk about what the efforts to reach #ZeroBy30. Check it out if you haven't already done so! #WSUCVM #EndRabies

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Twitter

To draw attention to #rabies, our partners at the #WSUAllenSchool for Global Animal Health has joined the commitment made by the @WHO, @FAO, and @OIEAnimalHealth to #EliminateRabies by 2030 and achieve #ZeroBy30. @WSUvetmed @felixjlankester @ThumbiMwangi @WSUGlobalHealth

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