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Program Update



Promoting healthcare strategies that target both human and animal populations at the same time can save money, participant time and result in a two-for-one stop for health care services.

That's according to a new study led by [Felix Lankester](#), director of Rabies Free Tanzania.

The research team treated roundworm infections in humans during their regular dog vaccinations campaign to eliminate rabies in 24 Tanzanian villages.

Their findings reinforced the hypothesis that treatment of humans and animals together, especially in rural communities, is positively received.



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“We found there was no difference between the proportion of households that participated in the combined and stand-alone events,” said [Felix](#). “Suggesting that people we’re not put off from attending a combined intervention where their children received treatment alongside their animals.”

One Health delivery platforms like the one implemented in Tanzania could play an important role in the World Health Organization’s global campaign to end the burden of rabies by 2030.

The WSU study, funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Grand Challenges Award Program, was recently published in [BMC Public Health](#).

Eight villages were provided clinics to treat roundworm, eight were provided clinics to vaccinate against rabies in dogs, and eight others were provided with integrated clinics to do both at the same time.

The integrated health clinics saw 91.5 percent of households per village receive roundworm treatment, while 82.5 percent of households attended clinics where roundworm treatments were provided alone.

For rabies vaccinations, the integrated health clinics saw 86.5 percent of households participate, compared to 90 percent of households when rabies vaccinations were offered alone. During focus group discussions with clinic attendees, 85 percent said the integrated clinics result in “two for one” health treatments.

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Welcome
Josh!

Join us in welcoming Josh Babcock to the Rabies Free Africa team.

Josh is the senior communications coordinator based in Pullman. He comes with a background in news reporting and editing from the Palouse area. When not writing articles for WSU he spends time with his dog, a lab mix named

[Read the full story here.](#)

Blaze.

He will be working with CVM communications and the Rabies Free Africa team for field updates and social media highlights.

Welcome Josh!

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Beyond Vaccination



Long term rabies elimination success is only possible with the commitment and investment from the countries where rabies is still a public health challenge.

Overcoming human death from canine rabies can happen as we saw earlier this year when Mexico was announced rabies free. The last case of rabies due to a dog bite in Mexico was in 2006. This only happened because of the country-wide strategy to vaccinate dogs and treat people who were bitten.

Kenya is following the same path as Mexico. Through the work of Thumbi Mwangi, Rabies Free Kenya has been working with partners across multiple districts to vaccinate dogs and evaluate the availability of post-exposure prophylaxis treatment (PEP). The results presented from new [WHO guidelines](#) earlier this year helped advise the Kenya National Immunization Technical Advisory Group to consider implementing intradermal vaccinations. This will not only give a larger number of people access to PEP treatment. but also help with

gaining traction toward a second investment in a national strategy toward rabies elimination.

The team also presented a [study](#) showing the challenges in accessing PEP treatment across the country which was used, along with other studies, to encourage [GAVI](#) to consider adding rabies PEP to the list of treatments available.

#TBT World Rabies Day

Thank you to everyone who helped spread awareness on World Rabies Day! Here's some social media highlights.



Duvall Veterinary Hospital
September 25 · 🌐

Only a few days left in September! We're so grateful to those of you who have already supported the cause for Rabies Free Africa — and if you haven't heard about it, it's not too late! There are still a few days left for you to vaccinate your dog and help us contribute. Through the end of the month, we're donating \$1 for every rabies vaccine administered by DVH! Call (425) 788-2620 or request your appointment online today: <https://dashboard.petdesk.com/WebApptRequest/...>



SEPTEMBER 28TH IS
WORLD RABIES DAY
**WILL YOU HELP US
SAVE A LIFE?**



Community Veterinary Clinic
September 28 · 🌐

Today is World Rabies Day. Yesterday our partners in Malawi 🇲🇼 vaccinated 900 dogs and held education campaigns on rabies prevention for the children of Malawi. We did our part in Vero and vaccinated 100 dogs in our community. Thank you to everyone who contributed to make the world a little safer for our children and our pets!



**RABIES: VACCINATE
ELIMINATE**
Every 9 minutes, someone dies from rabies.
Stop the disease: Vaccinate a dog.
Join #rabiesendshere

Animal Clinic of Kalispell
September 29 · 🌐

I meant to post this yesterday but with our internet issues in the valley I missed out. I want to thank each of our clients for making it possible for us to donate \$1000 to Rabies Free Africa. It's one way we can reach beyond ourselves to help those literally a world away.



Juanita Hills Animal hospital
September 28 · 🌐 Like Page


September 28th is World Rabies Day. Rabies is a deadly virus that can infect humans as well as other mammals. Today we are proud to announce that we have partnered with Washington State University and the Paul G. Allen School For Global Animal Health to join their program, Rabies Free Africa. \$1 from each Rabies vaccine that we administer will be donated to WSU to aid in research and support in the fight to eliminate Rabies in Africa. Join us in ending the suffering associated with this virus!

For more information on this program please visit:
www.rabiesfreeafrica.org



Marty Becker DVM 
@DrMartyBecker Following

So proud that my alma mater is part of this great [#WorldRabiesDay](#) effort! [@WSUvetmed](#)

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Today is [#WorldRabiesDay](#) and [@RabiesFreeAfrica](#) is committed to ending human deaths from rabies by 2030. Make a difference today at rabiesfreeafrica.org. [@RabiesFreeTZA](#) [@RabiesFreeKenya](#) [#EliminateRabies](#) [#VaccinateToEliminate](#)

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Pruyn Veterinary Hospital
September 11 · 🌐

We are partnering with Merck Nobivac vaccines in the Rabies Free Africa Mission. Every Merck Nobivac vaccine purchased is matched with a Rabies vaccine for dogs in global rabies-endemic areas.

Thinking Globally, Acting Locally to Save Animal and Human Lives in Rabies-Endemic Areas

Any Merck Nobivac® vaccine purchased is matched with a Nobivac® Rabies vaccine for dogs in global rabies-endemic areas through our U.S. vaccine-matching program.

- Millions of doses have been donated since the program began

McMonigle Veterinary Hospital
October 2 · 🌐

Thank you to everyone who vaccinated their pets against Rabies in the last 3 months! \$1 from each Rabies vaccination we gave was donated to the Paul G. Allen School for Global Animal Health at Washington State University to eliminate rabies worldwide. Because of you, 49 dogs in Africa will receive a Rabies vaccination to help in this effort. Click the link to learn more about the program!



Lien Animal Clinic
September 28

Today is World Rabies Day, a day to raise awareness about the ongoing presence of Rabies worldwide. This is a cause very near to our hearts as animal lovers, veterinary professionals, and humanitarians.

Rabies is a deadly virus that affects animals and people all over the globe. Oftentimes, as city dwellers, we forget how serious Rabies can be. Most commonly contracted from the bite of an infected animal, Rabies is almost always fatal to unvaccinated humans once symptoms begin to appear, and is absolutely always fatal to any infected animal. While prompt post-bite treatment in humans is mostly successful, any animal involved in a Rabies case will, sadly, need to be humanely euthanized, as there is no cure for infected animals.

Useless Bay Animal Clinic
September 27

Rabies is the deadliest zoonotic disease on the planet. About every 9 minutes someone dies from this preventable disease. The good news is that #rabies is entirely preventable with vaccines. Bad news is it still kills about 60,000 people a year with almost 50% of those deaths being children under 15. That is why it's so important we work to eliminate the disease.

Learn how you can make a difference at www.rabiesfreeafrica.org. #EndRabies #WorldRabiesDay #Zoroby30

We partner with Rabies Free Africa to eliminate rabies worldwide. We donate \$1 from every rabies vaccination that we administer here to help aid in this global health issue. All donations go to the WSU Foundation, a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Check out last month's most popular posts on social media. You can share them, too!

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Rabies Free Africa
Published by Hootsuite [?] · November 3

Today marks the Center for Disease Control's fourth annual #OneHealthDay, a global campaign to bring attention to the need for a One Health approach to address health threats shared among people, animals, and the environment. Celebrate and spread the word by sharing your One Health stories! #GoCougs! #HealthyPlanet #OneHealth #Health



Twitter

Rabies Free Africa @RabiesFreeAFR · Nov 14

Mexico has become the first country in the world to receive validation from the World Health Organization for eliminating dog-transmitted rabies as a public health problem. @WHO #EliminateRabies #OneHealth Read the full story: paho.org/hq/index.php?o...



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