



Rabies Free Africa Newsletter | October 2020

Rabies Hero Partners on World Rabies Day

Rabies In The News



Thank you to everyone who hosted Rabies Hero clinics in September or October for World Rabies Day! Veterinary partners in the US and Africa hosted clinics and helped raise awareness about

Rabies Hero campaign aims to suppress secondary disease outbreaks due to COVID-19

Rabies vaccinations resume after Covid-19 pandemic

World Rabies Day: Time to eradicate this fatal but preventable disease from Kenya

the importance of ensuring that animals are vaccinated against rabies.

In Vero Beach, Florida, Community Veterinary Clinic brought together partners including the Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County to host a drive through vaccination clinics. Thank you to John and Rachel Clark for organizing this drive and the week of vaccinations in Malawi! In Malawi, over 6,000 dogs were vaccinated for rabies over the course of a week.



The team at SouthCare Animal Medical Center in Spokane, Washington was so busy vaccinating pets that they didn't get a chance to take photos. Dr. Greg Benoit, the owner did share with us the following, "We're privileged to be part of the Rabies Free Africa program. It is one way that we can

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New Partners**

[Richland Animal Hospital](#)

contribute to world global health."

A group of six animal welfare partners in Seattle, Washington worked together for World Rabies Day to create a multi-site vaccination clinic for people experiencing homelessness or who are low-income with pets. Doney Coe Pet Clinic, the One Health Clinic, Rainier Animal Fund, Regional Animal Services of King County, Seattle Animal Shelter and Seattle Humane partnered to provide veterinary care and pet food for people in need.



Special thank you to Merck Animal Health and MSD Animal Health for sharing information about the Rabies Hero campaign, donating vaccines to the multi-site clinic in King County, Washington and hosting Dr. Felix Lankester for a rabies brief with staff.



Over 100 veterinary clinics from around the US support the life-saving work and research of the Rabies Free Africa team. Thank you for your continued support, we couldn't do it without you!

To see a list of our supporters, visit us [online](#).

**Rabies Hero
Award**

We also want to thank our social media partners the American Veterinary Medical Association and Washington Veterinary Medical Association.



Finally, we want to thank the WSU Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association (SAVMA) for hosting the **Rabies Virtual Run** in support of Rabies Free Africa later this month. If you want to help the cause, consider participating from wherever you live.



Machunde Bigambo receives Rabies Hero Award from eMerge.

On World Rabies Day, Machunde (Chunde) Bigambo was recognized as a Rabies Hero by eMerge, the International Veterinary Health team at MSD Animal Health. Chunde was recognized for his long-standing work to prevent rabies in Tanzania.

Bigambo is the longest-standing member of the Rabies Free Tanzania team. You can learn more about his involvement with Rabies Free Africa on our [Facebook page](#).

Congrats Chunde on this well deserved recognition!



RUN FOR YOUR LIFE, SAVE A LIFE

HELP US FUND RESEARCH TO END RABIES!

PARTICIPATE IN A VIRTUAL 5K

PROCEEDS GO TO **RABIES FREE AFRICA** WHICH AIMS TO ELIMINATE RABIES BY 2030

Win a \$100 Amazon gift card!

Win a SAVMA merchandise basket!

Annual SAVMA
Rabies Run

October 31 - Contests with Prizes
T-shirt purchase includes registration \$20 + shipping
Links for T-shirt and Facebook event below:

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**Congratulations
Dr. Lugelo**



Congratulations to Dr. Ahmed Lugelo for being recognized for his work in developing a clay cooling device for storing rabies vaccines. Dr. Lugelo is a PhD student working as the program coordinator for the NIH funded program that is training field officers in Tanzania.

Lugelo worked on the locally made low tech passive cooling device for keeping thermotolerant rabies vaccines cool in remote villages where power is not available. The team in Tanzania uses the devices across the Mara region to keep vaccines cool during the program. He

recently published his first first-author paper about the device too!

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Rabies Free Kenya

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Vaccinating your pet is the best way to prevent rabies. Due to the high vaccination rate in the US, Canada and other countries, the number of human fatalities from canine-induced rabies has dropped to virtually zero. Latin America and the Caribbean have proved how effective vaccination can be. In the 1980s, the region undertook an effort to eliminate human death from rabies. By 2017, fewer than 1,000 dogs contracted the disease in the region reflecting a 95% drop in rabies cases. #EliminateRabies #EraseRabies
<https://www.paho.org/hq/index.php...>



Rabies Free Tanzania @RabiesFreeTZA · Sep 28

Congrats Chunde! Very well deserved!

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Our second #RabiesHero is Machunde Bigambo in Tanzania. Chunde is the longest-standing member of @RabiesFreeTZA. His dedication has inspired many, as he says "Rabies is killing people, especially kids".



Rabies Free Africa

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Today is World Rabies Day and Rabies Free Africa is committed to ending human deaths from rabies by 2030. Through our work in East Africa, dogs are vaccinated and lives are saved. Each vaccine gets us closer to achieving a world where no one dies from rabies.

Your gift today will vaccinate a dog and save a life. Visit www.rabiesfreeafrica.org to join the cause and make a difference. #WorldRabiesDay #EliminateRabies #RabiesHero #unitedagainstrabies

