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### **China: First rabies case in dog in Taiwan**

The Central Epidemic Control Center confirmed Tuesday that a pet dog in Taitung County, eastern Taiwan has been infected with rabies after being bitten by a rabid Formosan ferret-badger. It is the first time the deadly disease has been found in dogs in Taiwan since a rabies outbreak was reported among ferret-badgers in mid-July after a hiatus of more than five decades. [read more](#)

### **China: 128 confirmed rabies cases in Taiwan**

There were a total of 128 confirmed cases of rabies in wild animals since the deadly disease resurfaced in mid-July after a seeming absence of 52 years. The latest 8 reported outbreaks were from Jhushan, Lugu, Shueili and Guosing Township, Nantou County; Zhongpu, Chiayi County; Donghe, Haiduan and Guanshan Townships, Taitung County; and Heping and Beitun Districts, Taichung City. [read more](#)

### **China: FMD serotype A in Tibet**

An outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease caused by serotype A was confirmed in cattle in southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region. The outbreak was reported from Laxi Village, Baqing, Naqu, Tibet. To prevent the spread of the disease 38 head of cattle were culled. [read more](#)

### **China: Leptospirosis in dogs in Hong Kong**

Pet owners are being warned not to let their dogs drink or swim in streams after a spate of deaths from a disease caused by bacteria often carried by rats. Ten dogs out of at least 12 that have fallen ill in recent weeks with leptospirosis - a water-borne disease also potentially fatal to humans - have died. One remains seriously ill in a veterinary hospital after undergoing a blood transfusion. [read more](#)

### **India: Rabies in Manipur**

A 65 year old man from Yairipok Poirou Khongjil Awang Leikai, Imphal East has been infected with a disease whose symptoms are almost similar to those of rabies. A medicine doctor attending to the man at JN Hospital informed The Sangai Express that all the symptoms are indicative of rabies infection. [read more](#)

### **India: Suspected CCHF in Ahmedabad, Gujarat**

A suspected case of Congo fever from Dhanvada village in Bavla taluka is undergoing treatment at VS Hospital on Wednesday. District health officials in Ahmedabad have already been alerted about the case and have been asked to undertake sanitation measures throughout the village area. [read more](#)

### **Indonesia: Bird flu in Banten**

Dozens of chickens in Cilenggang Village, Serpong, South Tangerang, died suddenly. Head of Livestock Department of Agriculture and Food Security South Tangerang, SS Nugraheni said two of the dead chickens in the village were tested positive for avian influenza. (Google translation). [read more](#)

### **Nepal: Rabies in Jajarkot, Bheri Zone**

Three villagers have died of rabies infection while dozens more have been suffering from the disease after being bitten by infected stray dogs in the district. According to villagers, Pahal Bahadur Thapa, 55, and his daughter Harikala, 22, of Dhime-1 and Rana Bahdur Rokaya, 28 of Jahargaun died of rabies infection. [read more](#)

### **Nepal: Reported 21 confirmed bird flu outbreaks**

There were 21 confirmed H5N1 outbreaks reported by the Department of Livestock Services, Nepal to OIE in its follow-up reports number 10 and 11 dated on 9 and 11 September 2013, respectively. The outbreaks were reported from Kathmandu, Lalitpur, Chitwan and Bhaktapur of Bagmati Zone and Kaski of Gandaki Zone involving 17 poultry farms, 3 village poultry and one crow. [read more](#)

### **Nepal: Crows and pigeons dropped dead in Bhaktapur**

Bird flu fear has gripped Bhaktapur people again. The ominous signs started haunting the locals after crows and pigeons on flight dropped dead at Chnawa Ganesh of Bhaktapur Municipality. The Bhaktapur Bird Flu Control Section has asked locals to bury dead pigeons and crows well, without bothering to conduct avian influenza tests on the samples. [read more](#)

### **Pakistan: Rabies in Zhob, Balochistan**

Rabies is a neglected disease in bordering district Zhob, although the incidents of dog bites in the district are very high. Recently dozens of people including children have sustained multiple injuries, when number of stray dogs has turned mad and bit citizens in various areas of the district. Increasing number of stray dogs has now become a nuisance for people of the area. Stray dogs can easily be seen roaming in almost every street and road of the city, particularly during pre-dawn and night time. They are often seen chasing people and growling at them. [read more](#)

### **Pakistan: CCHF, a family cluster in Abbottabad**

A man from Abbottabad has died of Crimean Congo haemorrhagic fever at Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS), while his father and brother are admitted to the hospital for going down with the same tick-borne zoonotic viral disease. One of the deceased's brother has already lost life to CCHF. They all are butchers by profession. [read more](#)

### **Sri Lanka: Zoonotic disease situation updates**

By 31 August 2013, the Epidemiology Unit, Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka reported a total of 2850 confirmed cases of leptospirosis in human. Of this, 238 were in August. [read more](#) While in their Weekly Epidemiological Report (WER) there were 467 confirmed cases of encephalitis and 11 rabies cases reported as of 24 May 2013. [read more](#)

### **Viet Nam: More information on rabies in Hanoi**

More than 175,000 people have been bitten by dogs so far this year, of which 64 died. Most of the samples were positive for the rabies virus. Professor Nguyen Tran Hien, Director of the Central Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology, said that in many provinces, especially in the North, homeless dogs with rabies or suspected with rabies attacked humans. Notably the rate of dogs with rabies virus is very high. Some samples taken from slaughtering houses were positive for rabies. [read more](#)