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China: 156 confirmed rabies outbreaks in Taiwan

As of this week, a total of 156 rabies outbreaks involving 155 ferret-badgers, one Asian house shrew and a puppy bitten by a ferret-badger have tested positive for rabies infection, were reported by the Central Epidemic Command Center reported on 2 October 2013, adding that the number of cities and counties that have confirmed cases of rabid animals remained unchanged at nine. [read more](#)

India: FMD in 11 districts of Kerala

With the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease getting confirmed in Kerala, entry of cattle and buffaloes from Karnataka and Tamil Nadu into Kerala has been banned. V. Brahmanandan, Director, Animal Husbandry Department, told The Hindu that the ban will be in force for seven days from October 2. All border check- posts of the department have been notified of the ban and a red alert has been sounded in all panchayats. The outbreak has been confirmed in eleven districts except Kasaragod, Malappuram, and Pathanamthitta. [read more](#)

India: Brucellosis in an animal handler

A 32-year-old animal handler of SPCA Animal Hospital, Parel, has been diagnosed with Brucellosis, a disease contracted from animals due to close contact with their excreta. This is the first such instance in the city. Doctors have told his pregnant wife and children to keep minimal contact with the patient. Meanwhile, 140 handlers in the SPCA have now demanded better working conditions, including proper work gear. [read more](#)

India: Encephalitis killed 343 in Eastern District of Uttar Pradesh

Thirteen more deaths have been reported in eastern Uttar Pradesh due to encephalitis in the past 48 hours. With this the toll from the disease in the region has reached 343, health officials said on Saturday. [read more](#)

Indonesia: Suspected bird flu in East Java

Duck breeders and collectors in Situbondo began to fear due to sudden deaths of more than 1,000 ducks in the last two days in Pecinan and Tribungan Villages, Mangaran District, East Java. Residents are also worried if the deaths could result from bird flu virus. [read more](#)

Indonesia: Confirmed a human H5N1 death in West Java

Ministry of Health, Directorate General of Disease Control and Environmental Health announced a confirmed new case of H5N1 by the Center for Biomedical and Healthcare

Technology Association, Balitbangkes. The case was a 28 years-old man from Cibitung, Bekasi, West Java, a driver of the water bottle company (Google translation). [read more](#)

Myanmar: Rabies claims 1,000 lives annually

The number of people who died from rabies in Myanmar is grossly underreported, said professor from the Yangon General Hospital, Dr Chit So, who added that the figure was more than 1000. Official record documented 240 deaths in 2011, he said. [read more](#)

Pakistan: CCHF situation update

There were a total of 77 suspected cases of CCHF with 48 confirmed and 17 deaths have been reported from Pakistan since the beginning of 2013. There latest five cases were from Afghanistan (2), and one each from districts of Quetta, Killa Abdullah and Zhob, Balochistan province. [read more](#)

Philippines: Leptospirosis situation update

Head of National Epidemiology Center, Dr. Enrique Tayag said as of 28 September 2013 there were a total of 1,964 leptospirosis cases with 305 died. This figure was 68 percent lower compared to the same period in 2012. Metro Manila had the most number of cases among regions, he added. [read more](#)