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China: 168 confirmed rabies outbreaks in Taiwan

As of this week, a total of 168 rabies outbreaks involving 168 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](#)

China: Rabies is the third killer among other infectious diseases

A total of 1,478 people died from infectious diseases in the Chinese mainland in September. AIDS killed 1,084 people followed by Tuberculosis (161 deaths). Rabies was the third major killer, with 128 deaths. [read more](#)

India: Foot and mouth disease in Karnataka

Foot and mouth disease has claimed 2332 heads of cattle in Karnataka as per initial estimation, Animal Husbandry Minister T B Jayachandra said on 10 October 2013. As many as 18 386 animals have been affected by the disease which has spread to 1507 villages in the last few days, he told reporters here. [read more](#)

Indonesia: Two residents in Bengkulu suspected bird flu

Burhanuddin and his fourth son, Dedek, residents of Dusun Besar village, Gading Cempaka sub-district, Bengkulu were hospitalised at M Yunus Hospital. Blood samples have been collected for confirmation. Bengkulu Animal Husbandry Department confirmed that the sick chickens owned by Burhanuddin were tested positive for bird flu by rapid test. [read more](#)

Philippines: Rabies killed 15 people in central Mindanao

Regional office of the Department of Health in Central Mindanao announced that all 15 persons reported to have been bitten by dogs between January and September this year had died. [read more](#)

Sri Lanka: Zoonotic disease situation update

By 10 October 2013, the Epidemiology Unit, Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka reported a total of 3,218 confirmed cases of leptospirosis in human. Of this, 54 were in October. [read more](#)
While in their Weekly Epidemiological Report, there were 242 confirmed cases of encephalitis and 17 rabies cases reported as of 9 August 2013. [read more](#)

Viet Nam: Bird flu outbreak in Hoa Binh

An outbreak of HPAI H5N1 was reported from Gieng Em Village, Nhuan Trach Commune, Luong Son DisitRICT, Hoa Binh Province by the Department of Animal Health to the OIE on 14 October 2013. A total of 700 ducks and 475 chickens died and were culled. [read more](#)