

World Veterinary Association



WORLD VETERINARY
ASSOCIATION

WVA mission and vision

Mission

To provide global leadership for the veterinary profession and promote animal health and welfare and public health, through advocacy, education, and partnership.

Vision

The World Veterinary Association is recognised and respected as the trusted and influential voice of global veterinary medicine.

WVA Strategy

WVA Strategic Plan 2020 – 2025

The WVA Council adopted the WVA Strategic Planning Working Group's proposal for the 2020 – 2025 WVA Strategy. Understanding there are limitless issues of importance, and taking into consideration the input received from Constituent Members, key partners, and the WVA Council in the pre-meeting surveys, the WVA elected to focus on 4 main objectives:

- **Animal Welfare**
- **Medicines Stewardship**
- **Veterinary Education**
- **One Health**

Each Objective is developed by a dedicated **Working Group, chaired by a Council member.**

WVA Team



WVA Council

Secretariat



Executive Manager:
Magda Lourenço



Policy Officer:
Yvonne Niño

WVA Team

WVA Council

The Council comprises the President, President Elect, Immediate Past President, and 14 elected representatives from different world regions and International Organisations members.

WVA Committees and Working Groups

The WVA Committees and Working Groups comprise the Council members and Ad hoc members that are nominated by the WVA member associations to support and to strengthen the work and expertise of these groups.

WVA Secretariat

The WVA secretariat is responsible for the daily management of the Association, communication, maintenance and development of Membership.

One Health

10th WVA Global One Health Summit

Coordinated & sustainable actions to contain AMR

Invited speakers: WHO, WOAH, FAO, OHHLEP industry, farmers and vet students representatives

Moderated by: Dr Shannon Mesenhowski



WORLD
HEALTH
SUMMIT
2022

OCTOBER
16-18
BERLIN,
GERMANY
& DIGITAL



*Dr John de Jong
and Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus*

Zoonotic diseases



World Organisation
for Animal Health
Founded as OIE

KNOWLEDGE

Most reported outbreaks in wildlife

African swine fever



High pathogenicity avian influenza



Classical swine fever



Rabies



West Nile fever



Time period: Jan - Jun 2024 Source: Wildlife Diseases: Situation Report by WOAHO

PUBLICATIONS

Over 60% of human pathogens are zoonotic, meaning they can jump from animals to humans.



Rabies



**BREAKING
RABIES
BOUNDARIES**



WVA/WMA joint activities



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On World Rabies Day, WVA and WMA united to call for “Breaking Rabies Boundaries”

To mark World Rabies Day on 28 September 2024, the World Veterinary Association (WVA) and the World Medical Association (WMA) demand continued efforts to eliminate rabies. Under the theme “Breaking Rabies Boundaries”, the two organisations advocate for a One Health approach, vaccination for high-risk groups, and universal access to rabies treatment.

Rabies, a fatal yet preventable disease, is estimated to cause 59 000 human deaths a year across 150 countries, according to the World Health Organization. 95% of cases occur in Africa and Asia. This makes it a significant public health threat in those regions.

The WVA and the WMA in their support for a One Health approach, call for actions that emphasize the interconnectedness of human, animal, and environmental health in the fight to break the cycle of rabies transmission.

“A unified approach to “Breaking Rabies Boundaries” is critical to ensure that this preventable disease is no longer a threat to human or animal health,” said Dr Lujain Alqodmani, President of the World Medical Association. “Rabies vaccination is a powerful preventive measure for people living in areas where rabies is prevalent or those likely to come into contact with rabies-infected animals, like veterinarians, animal handlers and travellers to affected regions.”

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worldveterinaryassociation To mark World Rabies Day WVA is also teaming up with the World Medical Association - WMA to demand continued efforts to eradicate rabies.

📌 We advocate for a [#OneHealth](#) approach, [#vaccination](#) for high-risk groups, and universal access to rabies treatment.

Read the joint press release: worldvet.org/news

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[#worldrabiesday](#) [#Africa](#) [#Asia](#) [#vaccination](#)

28 September



World Rabies Day – Breaking the Boundaries

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AMR at #UNGA



79th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York
UN High-Level Meeting on AMR on September 26th



Multistakeholder Hearing at the United Nations on Antimicrobial Resistance

Veterinarians are essential health workers

World Veterinary Day 2024

Last Saturday of April

“All graduated veterinarians have undergone comprehensive medical training and are responsible, for promoting public health and food safety and security.”

**WORLD
VETERINARY
DAY 2024**

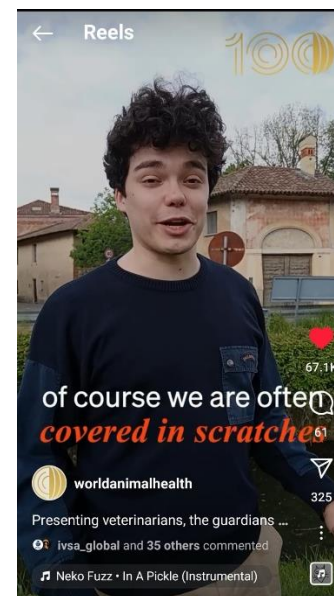
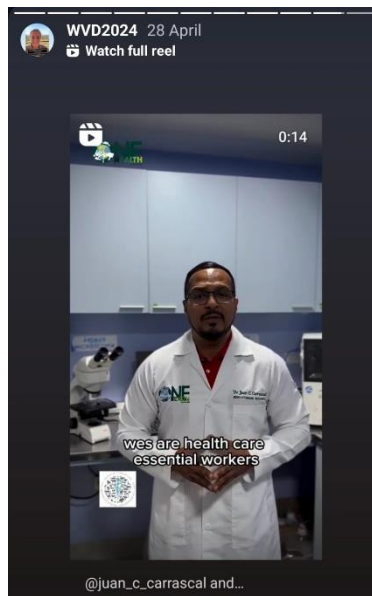


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27th April 2024

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President
John de Jong

President's Message

Colleagues and Friends,

The last month has been busy for the WVA, and I have traveled quite a bit to carry our message forward on behalf of

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