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Highlights

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<p>Emerging diseases</p>	<p><u>Germany Will Require Virus in Pets to Be Reported</u> <i>Courthouse News Service – 16/06/2020</i> The German government plans to introduce an obligation that cases of coronavirus in pets be reported to authorities. It says the move is needed to assist research on the virus.</p> <p><u>Video: Budimir Plavsic, Head of the OIE Regional Representative Office in Moscow, talks about what lessons humanity should learn from the COVID-19 pandemic</u> <i>FSVPS – 16/06/2020</i> Most new infectious diseases appear due to the careless attitude of people towards nature and wild animals, Budimir Plavsic, head of the Regional Representation of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) in Moscow, said in an interview with Veterinary and Life.</p>	

Dr Rachid Rida Triki-Yamani. Professeur ISV-Blida : Il est impensable de ne pas associer le vétérinaire à l'Agence nationale de la sécurité sanitaire»

El Watan – 18/06/2020

Les Algériens se préparent pour le déconfinement, les parcs d'attraction et les jardins publics sont les endroits les plus ciblés dans ce genre de situation. Comment doit-on se préparer pour éviter d'éventuelles nouvelles crises sanitaires, notamment les zoonoses ?

SARS-CoV-2 transmission to animals: Monitoring needed to mitigate risk

Outbreak News Today – 18/06/2020

As evidence mounts for the possibility of SARS-CoV-2 infecting various animals, scientists at UCL say a global effort is needed to reduce the risk of the virus later returning to people.

'Increasing evidence' shows animals can catch coronavirus from humans and could pass it on, say scientists

Evening Standard – 19/06/2020

Scientists call for Covid-19 links between pets and humans to be further probed

Kent Online – 19/06/2020

China says it must improve hygiene in

Excerpt

Pourquoi laisserait-on les gens évoluer sur des sites publics et laisser fermer les jardins et parcs d'attraction ? Il suffit de gérer les flux et assurer la distanciation sociale. Ce sont des sites ouverts au même titre que les lieux de forte concentration (marché, grande surface). A la lumière des connaissances scientifiques disponibles, il n'existe aucune preuve que les animaux de compagnie et d'élevage jouent un rôle dans la propagation du virus. Selon l'Organisation mondiale de la santé animale (OIE) «la propagation actuelle du Covid-19 est le résultat d'une transmission d'homme à homme. Jusqu'à preuve du contraire, il n'est donc pas justifié de prendre des mesures à l'encontre des animaux qui pourraient compromettre leur bien-être».

Wildlife/Wet
Markets

[markets after Beijing outbreak](#)

Hindustan Times - 18/06/2020

The Communist Party's top disciplinary body said the outbreak underlined the urgent need to improve sanitation standards and minimise health risks at markets.

[Another Northern Jutland mink farm under corona suspicion](#)

Landbrug Avisen – 18/06/2020

The Danish Veterinary and Food Administration is currently testing another North Jutland mink farm for corona.

[New evidence of virus risks from wildlife trade](#)

Yahoo News – 18/06/2020

Rats sold in the markets and restaurants of Southeast Asia harbour multiple coronaviruses, a study shows.

[La amenaza de las granjas de visón americano en España: "Una bomba biológica para la salud"](#)

El Español – 19/06/2020

WWF lanza una campaña para pedir al Gobierno el cierre "inmediato y definitivo" de las cerca de 40 granjas que actualmente existen en el país.

[11,000 mink to be killed at Danish farm due to coronavirus outbreak](#)

Changing America – 17/06/2020

[Minks: 11,000 coronavirus positive in Denmark](#)

Greenstyle – 18/06/2020

[Wildlife Trade Spreads Coronaviruses as Animals Get to Market](#)

The New York Times – 19/06/2020

DNA tests show an increase in the number of animals with positive tests for some coronaviruses from the time they are trapped until they arrive on someone's dinner plate.

<p>Animal Welfare</p>	<p><u>Enhanced protection for animals and wildlife</u> <i>Scottish Government – 17/06/2020</i> Increased animal cruelty penalties and new legal protections for service animals to be introduced.</p> <p><u>EFSA addresses concerns over swine welfare at slaughter</u> <i>Feedstuffs – 18/06/2020</i> European report identifies hazards that give rise to welfare issues during swine slaughter and proposes preventive and corrective measures.</p> <p><u>Lack of skilled workers ‘serious concern’ for pig welfare at slaughter</u> <i>Euractiv – 18/06/2020</i></p>	
<p>Food Safety</p>	<p><u>Countries in the Americas told to focus on food safety</u> <i>Food Safety News – 17/06/2020</i> Countries in the Americas have been urged to take measures to ensure food safety throughout the production chain.</p>	
<p>Animal Health</p> <p>Avian Influenza</p>	<p><u>LPAI avian influenza in an ostrich farm</u> <i>Anvmi Oggi – 17/06/2020</i> Serological positivity for H5 flu virus in an ostrich farm in the province of Mantua. The samples had been taken under ordinary surveillance.</p> <p><u>Bulgaria confirms new bird flu outbreak on farm</u> <i>Successful Farming – 19/06/2020</i> Bulgaria has confirmed a new outbreak of highly pathogenic H5N8 avian influenza on a farm in the south of the country, the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) said.</p>	<p><u>Bulgaria</u></p> <p>Excerpt The outbreak in the town of Asenovgrad killed 68 birds and led to the slaughtering of the rest of the flock of nearly 79,000 animals, the Paris-based OIE said in a notice on Friday, quoting information</p>

African swine fever	<p><u>A look inside African swine fever testing at vet diagnostic labs</u> <i>National Hog Farmer – 16/06/2020</i> Veterinarians and swine producers are assisting our country's ASF preparedness when they make regular submissions to their VDLs.</p> <p><u>Nigeria hit by 'worst ever' African swine fever outbreak forcing one MILLION pigs to be culled</u> <i>The Sun - 18/06/2020</i> UP to one million pigs have been culled in Nigeria as the country attempts to grapple with an outbreak of African swine fever.</p> <p><u>'Nearly one million pigs killed' as African swine fever worsens in Nigeria</u> <i>Independent – 18/06/2020</i></p> <p><u>Why Nigeria's African swine fever outbreak will hit farmers hard</u> <i>The Conversation – 18/06/2020</i></p>	from Bulgaria's food safety agency.
Peste des petits ruminants	<p><u>Lancement de la campagne de vaccination d'animaux en Côte d'ivoire</u> <i>Commod Africa – 19/06/2020</i> Une campagne nationale de vaccination intitulée « Je participe au développement de mon pays en vaccinant mes animaux » a été lancée mercredi en Côte d'Ivoire, par le ministre des Ressources animales et halieutiques, Moussa Dosso. La campagne est à destination des bovins, des petits ruminants et des volailles, souligne <i>Abidjan.net</i>.</p> <p><u>Cattle, small ruminants and poultry: Moussa Dosso launches the compulsory vaccination campaign against animal diseases</u> <i>Fratmat – 19/06/2020</i></p>	Nigeria

<p>African horse sickness</p>	<p><u>Thailand almost AHS-free</u> <i>New Straits Times – 18/06/2020</i> THAILAND has managed to contain the African Horse Sickness (AHS), making the country one step closer to being AHS-free.</p>	<p>Excerpt/s The department's director general Sorawit Thanito said Thailand was now in the response stage of its anti-AHS operational plan, which was drafted to restore the nation's AHS-free status from the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE).</p> <p>--</p> <p>The director general had also proposed the use of a temporary vaccine bank in Asia, the Middle East and Oceania to reduce AHS infections, during a recent meeting between regional OIE committees.</p>
<p>Lumpy Skin Disease</p>	<p><u>Livestock Dept to take urgent step to prevent 'Lumpy Skin Disease'</u> <i>BSS News – 18/06/2020</i> The Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock has directed the Department of Livestock Services to take urgent measures to prevent the spread of the 'Lumpy Skin Disease' (LSD) in cattle.</p>	<p>Related multimedia resources <u>AHS Webinars</u></p>
<p>Aquatic Animals</p>	<p><u>Sixteen shrimp farms infected with DIV1: agriculture council</u> <i>Taipei Times – 19/06/2020</i> The council said it would compensate farmers for shrimp destroyed due to the virus and help them rehabilitate their farms</p>	
<p>Veterinary Products AMR</p>	<p><u>AMR: new business model for antibiotics development urgently needed</u> <i>The Parliament – 18/06/2020</i> EU policymakers and stakeholders warned that the Coronavirus crisis may be a foretaste</p>	

	<p>of what to expect from a world without effective antibiotics.</p>	
Wildlife	<p><u>Muerte masiva de elefantes por una enfermedad desconocida en Botswana</u> <i>La Nacion – 18/06/2020</i> Las autoridades de Botswana confirmaron que investigan la muerte provocada por una enfermedad desconocida de más de 150 elefantes en el delta de Okavango e indicaron que buscan financiación para mantener las operaciones de búsqueda.</p>	
Biodiversity	<p><u>Conditions rife for more pandemics in absence of curbs on deforestation and wildlife trade: WWF</u> <i>Hindustan Times – 17/06/2020</i> The report said the frequency of zoonotic disease outbreaks caused by a spillover of pathogens from animals to humans might have more than tripled in the last decade.</p> <p><u>Destruction of Nature Is Triggering Pandemics, Say Leaders of WWF, UN and WHO</u> <i>Eco Watch – 17/06/2020</i> Leaders from three international NGOs — the United Nations, the World Health Organization and WWF International — teamed up to issue a stark warning that pandemics like the coronavirus are a direct result of the destruction of nature caused by humans.</p> <p><u>How Humanity Has Unleashed a Flood of Zoonotic Diseases</u> <i>The New York Times Magazine – 17/06/2020</i> As we degrade animal habitats, reduce biodiversity and reach ever deeper into the wilderness for resources, we’re all but certain to encounter more diseases like Covid-19.</p>	