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"ask not what the CVA can do for you, ask what you can do for the CVA"

Thank you VAM

On behalf of all participants and veterinarians who may benefit from its outcomes the Commonwealth Veterinary Association would like to express its sincere gratitude to the Veterinary Association of Malaysia in hosting a hugely successful 6th pan Commonwealth Veterinary Association conference in Kuala Lumpur in March 2015.



News from the frontline – the Nepalese earthquake from Dr Umesh Dahal, CVA Councillor - Nepal

The devastating earthquake of April 25, 2015 killed more than 8,800 people and injured more than 23,000. Hundreds of thousands of people were made homeless with entire villages flattened across many districts of the country. The Nepal Veterinary Association (NVA) has conducted a number of mobile animal health camps in most of the affected parts of the country for immediate relief of the injured animals due to the devastating earthquake and some aftershocks. We have treated more than 50,000 injured animals in our first mission. As most of the Nepalese farmers are dependent on livestock for their livelihood, the death of their stock has caused a great problem. Until now the death of more than 17,005 large animals (cattle, buffalo, yak); 39,833 small animals (sheep, goats and pigs); and nearly 0.5 million poultry have been recorded causing a direct loss of about 1.5 billion Nepalese Rupees (NRs) (1 US \$= 101 NRs). We cannot imagine the indirect losses like production and productivity losses, damage of livestock sheds etc.

Further possible approach ahead

Now, we are thinking to conduct mid-term programs like construction of temporary to semi-permanent type of shelters to affected animals before the monsoon (July-August) on availability of sufficient resources. We request all the national and international organisations to join hands with the NVA mission.

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CVA Executive meet in London

The CVA Executive recently met in London to help keep forging a way forward for the CVA. The CVA has been fortunate in that its executive have other commitments which periodically bring them together in London at little cost to the CVA. During their meeting the executive were also able to meet with Dr Mike Baker, Chief Executive Officer of World Animal Protection and Ms Helena Cotton, Media and International Affairs Officer for the British Veterinary Association. Both Mike and Helena have been great supporters of the CVA over a number of years.



Drs Peter Thornber, Karen Reed, Mike Baker, Abdul Rahman and Bob McCracken with Dr Mike Baker, Executive Director, World Animal Protection.



Dr Abdul Rahman, CVA President with Ms Helena Cotton

Recipes from the world - from South Africa

Boerewors

2kg boneless chuck of beef
750g boneless thick rib of pork
200g speck (fatty bacon)
1 tablespoon ground coriander
2 tablespoons fine salt
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
Pinch of finely grated nutmeg
6 tablespoons vinegar
90g pork casings

Cut the meat and speck into 50mm cubes. Combine the coriander seasoning and nutmeg, sprinkle over the cubes and mix well. Mince the meat and speck, then add the vinegar and mix lightly but thoroughly. Stuff into the casing and refrigerate. Braai (barbeque) over low coals for about 15 minutes.



