THE IMPORTANCE OF A DEDICATED TASKFORCE THAT WORKS UNDER THE ONE HEALTH TASKFORCE
**One Health** is the integrative effort of multiple disciplines working locally, nationally, and globally to attain optimal **health** for people, animals, and the environment.

**Taskforce:** Temporary group of people formed to carry out a specific mission or project, or to solve a problem that requires a multi-disciplinary approach.
ONE HEALTH RABIES TASKFORCE AT NATIONAL LEVEL (NATIONAL FOCUS)

- National Department of Health (NDOH)
- National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD)
- National Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
- National Multi Sectorial Outbreak Response Team (MNORT)
- National Rabies Advisory Group (RAG)
- RAG is the only body with Rabies as its sole focus
ONE HEALTH RABIES TASKFORCE AT PROVINCIAL LEVEL (PROVINCIAL FOCUS)

- 9 separate Provincial DOH and Veterinary Services!
- Provincial RAG participants may include
  - Provincial DOH
  - Communicable Disease Control (CDC)
  - Provincial Pharmaceutical Service
  - Environmental Health Practitioners
  - Provincial Vet Services
  - SANDF – SAMS
  - Private Health Care/Private Vets
  - National Bioproducts
  - Other parties
ONE HEALTH RABIES TASKFORCE AT DISTRICT AND LOCAL MUNICIPALITY LEVEL (LOCAL FOCUS)

- Local State Veterinarian and Animal Health Technicians
- Local CDC co-ordinators
- Local Enviro Practitioners
- Local Government Hospital and Clinic Representatives
- Local NGOs – e.g. Animal Welfare Organisations
- Local Private Medical/Veterinary personnel
- Community Care Giver Co-ordinators
- Anyone else who can lend a hand
EXAMPLES OF FUNCTIONS OF LOCAL RAG

Get your pets vaccinated

The Department of Agriculture & Rural Development will be holding a rabies vaccination programme from June 18 to 22 at various designated points in Ezakheni. The programme, for dogs and cats, will start at 8.30am, so be sure to get your furry friend vaccinated free of charge. The dates and venues are as follows:

- June 18 - Ezakheni E-Section; June 19 - Ezakheni E-Section (E-Ondola), C1 and C2; June 20 - Ezakheni C, C3 and C4 Section; June 21 - Ezakheni D and Nkulukwenni Encan; June 22 - Ezakheni Methulala (C1), Makupipini and Ama-1 rooms.

For more information, you can contact Mr ME Mnyati on 076-947-4255 or Mr AM Mchunu on 076-821-6771.

Rabies Educator Certificate

The Rabies Educator Certificate (REC) program is a free online course for community educators, public health workers, and anyone interested in learning how to prevent rabies in their communities. The course will teach you about rabies, how it is caused, and how to prevent it. You will also learn about effective ways to communicate this life-saving information to people in your community.

The REC Program was made possible through the support of Crucell.

Animals Identification and Stock Theft Awareness Campaign

Programme Director: Mr. O Kubone
Date: 14-16/08/2018
Venue: Obonjaneni Community Hall

Time:
10H00: Time
10H30: Opening prayer
11H00: Welcoming of Guests
11H30: Importance of the day
12H00: Animals Security
13H00: Animals Pound
14H00: Daff Animal Identification
15H00: Afrivet Daily Observation
16H00: Vleisentraal Stock sales
17H00: Stock Theft Unit
18H00: Afriflex Ear Tags
19H00: Rabies Awareness
20H00: Dard Way forward

Sponsors:
- Ms Kedibone Tjale
- Amavimba Mr Zwane / Masondo
- Commercial Farmers
- Bruce Z. K Hlatshwayo
- Lerato Makhanya
- Dave Lawson / Siyanda Mabaso
- Collen Brown
- Capt Majola
- Sipho Zulu
- Mr G.P. Mgadi
- L.T. Senye

14-Okhahlambwa Livestock Co-op Vote of thanks: Mr Ntombela

Thank you all and safe trip back home!!!!!!
SOME LESSONS WE HAVE LEARNT FROM SETTING UP THESE TASKFORCES

- Less talk, more action
- Explore Multiple Avenues for Help e.g. Red Cross, Rotary, Industry etc
- Share information far and wide, both within and outside formal structures
- Awareness, Awareness, Awareness (Public Education)
- Training, Training, Training (Health & Veterinary Sector Education)
- Focus, Focus, Focus on the problem
- Persistence! Persistence! Persistence! (Every cause needs Champions!)
- Politics and Personalities often trump common sense – deal with it
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