



MVA Newsletter

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Welcome to the first issue of the MVA e-Newsletter for 2019. Our apologies for the delay in producing this newsletter. The delay is principally a result of the voluntary nature of work on the MVA Executive. We hope to make the newsletter a regular thing and we very much welcome content from members suitable for dissemination via this publication (see Guidelines for Contributors below).

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Annual MVA Subscriptions

We make another plea for those members who have not yet done so to pay their annual MVA subscription of K20,000. The current list of financial members is: Drs Anholt, Boland, Chulu, Dumoulin, Kachepa, Kainga, Kamwendo, Karim, Matita, Mwiyeriwa, Njoka, Nkhoma, Owino, Salb. If you are not on this list but have paid, please contact the Treasurer (see contacts below).

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Adam Tjolle, life membership



Adam Tjolle with colleagues, Nov 2018, Lilongwe

Dr Adam Tjolle, a long term and strong supporter of MVA, visited the country in November and took the opportunity to catch up with colleagues from MVA and LSPCA. As a tribute to his unstinting support for the Association, he was awarded MVA Honorary Life Membership.

First Occurrence of FMD in the Central Region

Foot and mouth disease was clinically confirmed in Sukasuka Village, Dedza district, Lilongwe ADD on 3 June 2018. This was the first time ever for the disease to be detected in the central region. It was typically a fast spreading disease presenting signs that included limping, salivation and sores on the feet. Similar rumours were also reported in two

Anthrax first detection in Malawi

In late November, Malawi reported to OIE on the first detection of anthrax in Malawi. The disease was found in hippopotami in Liwonde National Park in Machinga District. Although anthrax has been known in wildlife in Zimbabwe and other countries in the region, this is the first time it has been detected in Malawi. The source of the infection has not been found.

Some Information on Anthrax Outbreak - Dr J Nkhoma

The laboratory confirmation of the disease was done on 29 November, 2018

A One Health meeting comprising by the Ministry of Health, DAHLD, Parks and Wildlife, DCD, WHO and others was convened on 30 November. A roadmap was established to develop a fact sheet, sensitise the public through a press statement, sensitise the three districts of Balaka, Machinga and Mangochi which border the affected National Park.

A ban on sale and consumption of hippo and all bush meat was released by the Department of Parks and Wildlife in the Southern Region.

A surveillance system was put in place and weekly reporting schedule was established for the three districts and Liwonde National Park. The surveillance took a format of one health and weekly reports included status in the wildlife, livestock and people.

By 4 January 2019, a cumulative total of 48 Hippo carcasses were detected and buried accordingly. There were no cases detected in humans or livestock. The majority of the hippos were males.



Retrieving Hippo carcasses, Liwonde

Each district developed an action plan adopting a one health approach

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