

## HealthforAnimals News

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### HealthforAnimals position on responsible use of medicines in animals



Responsible use of veterinary medicines is often associated with antibiotics but the general principles of responsible use can be extended to include all veterinary medicines. Over the years HealthforAnimals members have both initiated and participated in multi-stakeholder projects on responsible use and have provided appropriate education materials on use of medicines to both veterinary professionals and animal keepers (where allowed).

To further demonstrate their commitment to the responsible use of animal medicines the association recently published a position paper on this topic. Entitled, 'Global Principles and Perspectives on the Responsible Use of Medicines in Animals' (GPPRUMA) the paper presents a set of general principles that can be applied on a global basis. The responsible use of veterinary medicines is essential to maximise their benefit, minimise adverse effects and for some veterinary medicines to preserve their effectiveness.

[Read the full position paper](#)

### Codex Alimentarius advances food safety standards for animal health

**C O D E X**  
International Food Standards

**A L I M E N T A R I U S**



World Health  
Organization



Food and Agriculture  
Organization of  
the United Nations

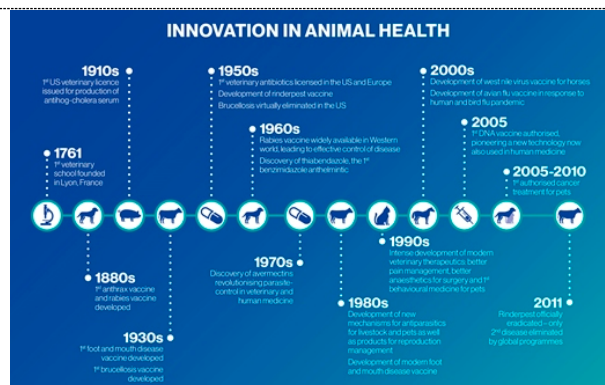
At the 38th Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) meeting held in Geneva, Switzerland in July the CAC adopted global food safety standards for three veterinary products, Derquantel (sheep tissues), Emamectin Benzoate (salmon and trout tissues) and Monepantel (sheep tissues).

Consideration of global food safety standards for bovine somatotropin (rBST) was held for further debate as the Commission recognised the validity of the risk assessments performed by the joint expert scientific body of WHO/FAO (JECFA) and concluded that no public health or trade issues were linked to rBST and that no new scientific evidence had been provided.

HealthforAnimals in attendance at the meeting, supports Codex as the global reference for food safety and will continue to work very closely with the CAC and member countries to adopt science-based standards in a timely manner.

[Read full press statement](#)

## Innovation in animal health



HealthforAnimals, in partnership with the World Veterinary Association conducted a survey amongst professionals working within the animal health sector to gather opinions on the current status of the sector, and to gain insight into areas for innovation in animal health.

The sector has experienced numerous breakthroughs and developments that have shaped the world we live in today but obstacles still exist which hinder progress and it is imperative that these challenges are identified so that they can be tackled effectively. Following the survey a group of high-level opinion leaders with an interest in animal health met for a roundtable discussion on the survey's findings.

HealthforAnimals has commissioned a report on the findings and the roundtable discussions to be drafted by Oxford Analytica and due for publication towards the end of the year.

[See infographic on innovation in animal health](#)

## World Rabies Day: Rabies can and must be eradicated



On 28 September – World Rabies Day – HealthforAnimals joined a number of global organisations calling for the eradication of rabies. A lot of important work has already been carried out by different animal health companies, members of HealthforAnimals, including vaccine development and production, awareness raising activities, partnerships, etc.

The global animal medicines association strongly believes that partnerships – Public Private Partnerships – between industry, governments, inter-governmental bodies, charities, etc. are the most effective way to handle the issue of human and animal rabies. In its position paper, published

on World Rabies Day, HealthforAnimals states that the association is fully dedicated to partner with WHO, OIE, FAO and GARC in working towards the full eradication of animal rabies, and ultimately human rabies.

[Read the full position paper](#)

## New interactive infographic: the human-animal bond

### THE HUMAN-ANIMAL BOND AN INTERACTIVE INFOGRAPHIC



reinforces the important point that we must in turn care for the health of our canine companions.

[View the infographic online](#)

Published on International Dog Day in August, HealthforAnimals celebrated the age-old union between man and dog through the creation of an interactive infographic, detailing the many valuable roles dogs perform in societies all around the world.

Outlining several ways in which dogs can assist us in various situations, this infographic

## Animal health around the globe

In this new section to our newsletter HealthforAnimals takes the opportunity to highlight key activities in animal health taking place across the world.

### South-east Asia – Asian Animal Health Association (AAHA)



The AAHA Thai team (pictured) has been working with local authorities on regulations for cold supply chain and for clarifications on GMP\* requirements. The Indonesia team is prioritising import restrictions, and medicated feed additives, amongst others and will meet early October to review. AAHA is also working on animal health topics with India and China, VICH\*\* outreach, new regulations for Vietnam, and the impact of Japanese QA/QC\*\*\* regulation

on Asian countries.

\*Good Manufacturing Practice

\*\* International Cooperation on Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Registration of Veterinary Medicinal Products

\*\*\* quality assurance/ quality control

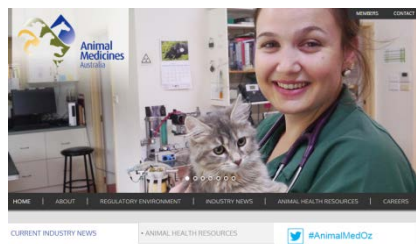
### India – Indian Federation for Animal Health (INFAH)



With super cyclone HUDHUD devastating farms in Vishakhapatnam and adjoining areas, INFAH visited various cyclone hit poultry farms to discuss ways to revamp the affected poultry industry area with members of the National Egg Coordination Committee and Andhra Pradesh Poultry Federation (pictured). INFAH has also recently created a subcommittee on Good Marketing Practices to emphasise the ethical promotion of animal health products. [Visit INFAH website for more info](#)



## Australia – Animal Medicines Australia (AMA)



With extensive legislative and regulatory reform being undertaken in Australia over the last 12 months, Animal Medicines Australia has been working closely with the Australian Agriculture Minister and industry regulator, the Australian Pesticides & Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA), to implement the changes and manage the rapidly changing domestic environment. At the same time, AMA is leading the national debate on issues such as addressing

anthelmintic resistance in Australia's vital sheep industry and working with authorities to create legislation to ease pet ownership in high-density living areas. For further info see new website: [www.animalmedicines.org.au](http://www.animalmedicines.org.au)

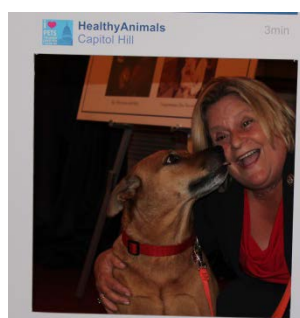
## Canada – Canadian Animal Health Institute (CAHI)



Jan Robinson, Registrar (pictured) and CEO of the College of Veterinarians of Ontario spoke to the CAHI Board of Directors at their September meeting about a report commissioned by the College on the topic of “Ontario Veterinary Stewardship of Antibiotic Use in Food-Producing Animals”. Started in April 2014 the initiative was developed to explore the current practices, views and recommendations of Ontario veterinarians on the issue of

antibiotic use in food-producing animals. The final report will be released in late October. [See the CAHI website for more info.](#)

## USA – Animal Health Institute (AHI)



The Animal Health Institute sponsored its 19<sup>th</sup> annual Pet Night on Capitol Hill, attracting some 500 stakeholders, Members of Congress and Congressional staff. A few days earlier, AHI Board Members spent a day lobbying members of Congress on issues including antibiotics, animal drug compounding and the biologics approval process.

Pictured: U.S. Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen shares an Instagram photo at AHI's 19th annual Pet Night on Capitol Hill with her pet dog Maya.

[Visit the AHI website for more info](#)

## Europe – IFAH-Europe



IFAH-Europe held its annual conference in Brussels on 16 June. Entitled, ‘Healthy Animals, Healthy Food, a Healthy Future’ the event was opened by Arunas Vinciunas, Head of Cabinet of the European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety and attracted an audience of over 100 experts, stakeholders, and policy makers to explore Europe's role in animal health and global

food challenges. For more info visit: [www.ifaheurope.org](http://www.ifaheurope.org)