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PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear colleagues,

Summer is here and
Christmas is around the
corner....

...but before that: it's
VAN Congress 2024!!

We have received an
amazing sponsorship this
year from the "British
Small Animal Veterinary
Association" (BSAVA) and
also from the "African
Small Companion Animal
Network" (AFSCAN).

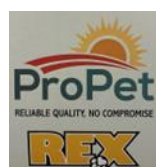
As in the past, "Hill's Pet
Nutrition" is another big
sponsor - thank you for
the continued support!



World Rabies Day: September 28th

A huge Thank You to all
VAN members who are
giving their time and tak-
ing part in this year's VAN
Rabies Vaccination Cam-
paign! We appreciate
your time and effort!!
Also a big Thank You to
the sponsors of the rabies
educational posters and
flyers.

Feedmaster: Rex &
ProPet and Okonjima.



Feel free to contact us, if
you would still like some
more of those posters to
display at your premises.

Please remember to help
us spread the "rabies
message" and other edu-
cational content by liking
and sharing the social me-
dia posts.



In case you have not seen
it: VAN started a PAY
TODAY or EFT donation
drive, whereby the public
can donate any amount
towards the VAN Rabies
Vaccination Campaign.
Please also share this with
family, friends and clients -
every dollar helps.

Apologies to the livestock
vets, we had planned a
CPD weekend for you,
however unfortunately
had to postpone it to
next year.

Thank you to all who
joined the "Cranial Cruci-
ate Ligament" presenta-
tion in June, as well as the
"Critical Care Update"
CPD in July and the
"Ethics Webinar Series"
in August/September.

Looking forward to seeing
you all at the Congress!

All the best,

Alexandra Marko,

VAN President

VAN NEWS



Cranial Cruciate Ligament Rupture– CPD Evening

On the 27th of June 2024 we held a CPD evening at the Central Veterinary Laboratory in Windhoek on Cruciate Ligament Rupture.

Dr Klaas-Jan van de Wetering, a South African Board-certified Small Animal Surgical Specialist gave an interactive presentation, and organised an extra CPD point through an online Quiz.

19 participants attended. We want to thank CVL for letting us make use of their excellent facilities again!

An Update on Critical Care Medicine—CPD Day

On the 27th of July 2024, Prof Johan Schoeman was able to offer us another day CPD, this time on Critical Care Medicine.

The event was held at River Crossings and was well-attended by 20 veterinarians and veterinary nurses.

We want to thank Vtech/Novecy for their support, and especially UNAM for making this event possible.



Photo Credit: Vtech



Dr Henning Luhl and Dr Antje Zahradnicky



Dr Saskia Stam and Dr Andrea Grunewald



Erika Bornman, Prof Johan Schoeman, Drs Rainer Hassel, Chanel van der Merwe, Minty Soni, Alexandra Marko, Antje Zahradnicky and Hubertus Otto (Photo: Vtech)

Veterinary Ethics Webinar Series

On the 13th of August we began a weekly Veterinary Ethics Webinar Series covering different topics over a 5 week period. Dr Elize van Vollenhooven gave an Introduction to Veterinary Ethics and Animal Welfare. Prof Vinny Naidoo spoke on the Ethical Use of Medicines. Dr Rainer Hassel covered Ethics in Terms of Namibian Legislation. Liz Komen gave a presentation on the Ethical Disposal of Contaminated Carcasses. The last lecture was a Live Q & A Discussion led by Dr Rainer Hassel, and included an additional short lecture.

31 one participants registered for this event, and VAN expresses their gratitude to all the lecturers who put so much effort into preparing for these presentations!



World Rabies Day 2024

This year VAN procured 4500 doses of rabies vaccine at cost-price, with the help of Gobabis Veterinary Practice, which were then distributed to various participating practices. Through the generous donation of Feedmaster we were also able to print and distribute beautiful educational posters and flyers.

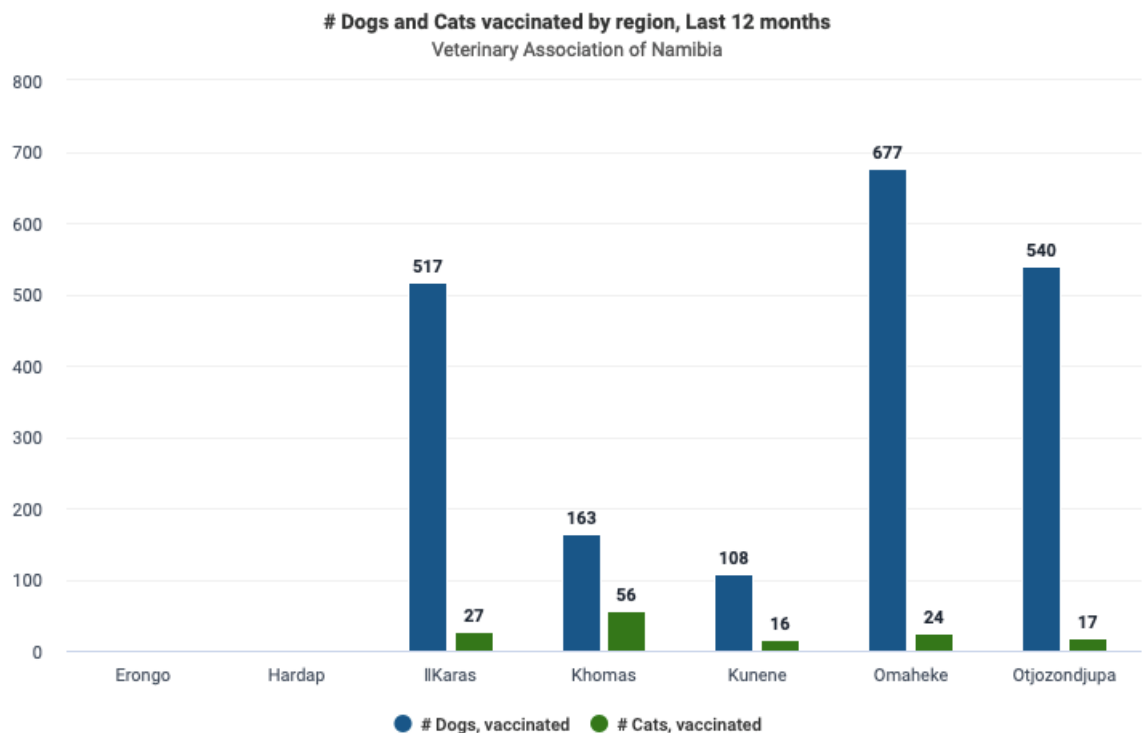
So far, a total of 2145 pets were vaccinated. We want to thank all VAN members and their team mates for putting in so much effort this year!

Thank you to our amazing sponsors: Feedmaster, Namib Laboratories, Okonjima, Swavet, MSD Animal Health and Sun Medical. Your generosity has certainly made an impact towards rabies control in Namibia!

World Rabies Day 2024



Namibia_# Dogs and Cats vaccinated by region, Veterinary Association of Namibia, Last 12 months



NAM_# Dogs vaccinated, Veterinary Association of Namibia, Last 12 months

Number of dogs vaccinated, Last 12 Months
Veterinary Association of Namibia

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NAM_# Cats vaccinated, Veterinary Association of Namibia, Last 12 months

Number of cats vaccinated, Last 12 Months
Veterinary Association of Namibia

140

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Vaccination Campaigns 2024

Vaccination Campaign in Okahandja District. Photo Credits: Dr Hubertus Otto and Dr Leandra Visser



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Vaccination Campaign in Gobabis District, in collaboration with Gobabis DVS.

Photo Credit: Dr Antje Zahradnicky



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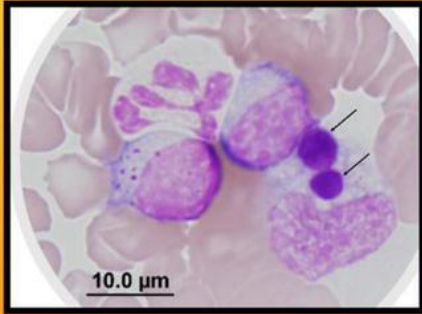
Dr Antje Zahradnicky visited the Light for Children School twice in Epako to talk about Rabies.



Upcoming Events:

AFSCAN Lecture Series Part 2:

Canine Ehrlichiosis



Dr Remo Lobetti

Live Q and A

29 October 2024

Ghana 6PM

Nigeria 7PM

Zambia 8PM

Angola 8PM

Namibia 8PM



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Veterinary Association of Namibia

ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC CONGRESS 2024

When: 21-23 November 2024 (3 full days)

Where: The Dome, Swakopmund, Namibia

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or pictures to share with us?**

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