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DZONGKHAG ADMINISTRATION, SAMTSE

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### PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

This is to notify the general public that there is a recent outbreak of Rabies at Jarithang village under Ugyentse Gewog. A case in a cow was reported with suspicious symptoms of Rabies on 22nd August and died on 24th August 2023 after being kept under observation. Upon field rapid test it came out strongly positive against Rabies and a brain sample was sent to Thimphu for further confirmatory testing. The source of the infection is unknown.

The Dzongkhag Livestock Sector in collaboration with Health Sector and the Gewog leaders is in the process of implementing disease containment measures; like post-exposure Anti-Rabies Vaccination (ARV) for affected household family members, public awareness & sensitization, and mass ARV for dogs and cats under Ugyentse Gewog.

Since Rabies disease is endemic to Samtse, especially along the border, there is a high chance of outbreak at any point in time thus posing a high risk to all residents, communities, school-going children, and domestic animals.

Therefore, all are requested to be on high alert with approaching dogs, pet dog owners must keep their animals vaccinated & confined in chains, and any abnormal behaviour of animals (dogs and cats) should be reported to the nearest DVH or RNR Centers.

(Minjur Dorji)

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Cc to:

1. Ven. Lam Neten, Samtse Dratsang, for kind information.
2. Dasho Drangpon, Royal Court of Justice, Samtse for kind information.
3. Dasho SP, RBP, Samtse for kind information and support
4. Director, DoL, MoAF, Thimphu for kind information.
5. Director General, Public Health, MOH, Thimphu, for kind information.
6. Thrizin, Dzongkhag Tshokdue, Samtse Dzongkhag for kind information.
7. Regional Veterinary Officer, RVH&EC, Phuntsholing, for kind information.
8. Regional Director, RRCO, Samtse for kind information.
9. All sector heads, Dzongkhag Administration, Samtse for information.
10. DHO/CMO, Samtse Hospitals, for kind information.
11. Dasho Dungpa, Dorokha and Tashicholing Dungkhag, for kind information.
12. Officer Incharge, BAFRA, samtse for information.
13. Gups of all 14 Gewogs under Samtse Dzongkhag, for imformation.
14. Gup, Ugyentse Gewog, necessary support during public awareness and mass vaccination campaign.
15. Incharge, Samtse Municipality for information.
16. Thromdey Thuemi, Samtse town for information.
17. Gewog RNR ECs, 15 Gewogs, for information and action.