

World Rabies day Commemoration at KVASU headquarters- September 28th, 2022

Rabies day was commemorated in a befitting manner at College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Pookode. A workshop and panel discussion on theme “One Health, Zero Deaths” was held on 28/09/2022 at Kabani auditorium, Pookode. The official inaugural programme was started with a welcome note by Prof. (Dr). Maya S, Associate Dean, COVAS, Pookode. Prof. (Dr) M.K. Narayanan, Dean, COVAS, Pookode in his presidential speech stressed the need for awareness on rabies by all the working class and students of the University campus. Prof. (Dr) M.R. Saseendranath, Hon. Vice Chancellor, KVASU inaugurated the workshop. Dr Pradeep M, Associate Patron, students’ Union 2021-22 of COVAS Pookode delivered vote of thanks. Various sessions were held thereafter.

Prof. (Dr) M.R. Saseendranath, Hon. Vice Chancellor, handled a session on “Rabies- An overview and control strategies”. The session covered elaborately about present status of rabies, its transmission, signs, and the current trends in its prevention for animals. The solutions can involve educating pet owners, enforcing dog registration, vaccination, sterilization, rehoming – or a combination of some or all of these. Furthermore, modern rabies management highlights the importance of through consideration of human, animal, and environmental components in a One Health approach.

This was followed by a session on “Human Rabies- Dilemma, Solutions and Way forward” from Dr. Savan Sara M, Superintendent, Government tribal specialty hospital, Nalloorad. Dr. Savan emphasized that although rabies is 100% fatal disease, it can be effectively managed if appropriate post-exposure treatment is instituted immediately after exposure. The post-exposure prophylaxis consists of local wound treatment, passive immunization with rabies immunoglobulins and active immunization with rabies vaccines and is based on the category of bites.

Prof. (Dr) M.K. Narayanan, Dean, COVAS, Pookode handled the third session on “ Humane Population Management of Dogs and its implication for Rabies Control” and shared in vast experience on Early-age Neutering of Dogs (END), an approach that can be implemented along with ABC rules and is basically intended to sterilise puppies at the age of two to three months and give them for adoption. Dr. Narayanan stressed that Dogs should also enjoy a unique niche within a human dominated ecology. There is no dog called a 'street dog'. They all are community dogs

The workshop was attended by University Officers, teaching faculties, non- teaching faculties of the University, Students and labourers. The workshop ended at 5.15 PM.

In addition to the workshop, various other competitions were also held for students of CVAS, Pookode. The event was jointly organized by College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Pookode, Centre for One Health Education, Advocacy, Research and Training, Pookode, Mithra Students Union and IVSA, Pookode.



