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IFAH publishes white paper and infographic on vector-borne diseases



IFAH has recently published an 'industry first' white paper on vector-borne diseases (VBDs), titled '[The growing threat of vector-borne disease in humans and animals](#)'. It provides an overview of the main VBDs, their societal impact, as well as recommendations for optimising solutions and innovations across all species and all regions. IFAH has also produced [an infographic](#) featuring key facts from the paper.

The paper (independently authored by Oxford Analytica) has been produced with the support of [The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#) to promote the better health and welfare of animals for the greater good of both animals and people globally. Download [the press release](#), [the white paper](#) and [the infographic](#).

IFAH calls for combined innovation strategies on World Rabies Day



On World Rabies Day 2014 (28 September 2014), IFAH requested better coordination between governments, regulators, healthcare providers and the public to tackle the multidimensional impacts of rabies by ensuring that everyone has access to innovations available for its prevention and control.

IFAH emphasised that, although well-controlled in Europe, rabies is still very much an immediate threat to human and animal populations in Africa and Asia, where 95% of all rabies deaths occur. A 2012 IFAH white paper on '[Costs of animal disease](#)' draws attention to the 55,000 people who die of rabies infections each year, which highlights the need for global collaboration. [Read the press statement.](#)

IFAH calls for transparency, monitoring and education on responsible use of antibiotics



On the occasion of the international conference on the responsible use of medicines in animals (Amsterdam, 29 September - 1 October 2014), our federation reinforced its message of responsible use of antibiotics in both human and veterinary medicines. IFAH highlighted that antibiotics are needed to fight bacterial infections in animals and are critical if we are to safeguard animal welfare and animal health.

Antibiotics are used worldwide both in veterinary and human medicine. There are heightened concerns about the emergence of antimicrobial resistance, which impacts animal welfare, public health, food safety and the environment. IFAH firmly believes that all those engaged in animal health therefore have a responsibility to ensure proper use of antibiotics, a commitment to transparency and monitoring, and to promote education on what responsible use of antibiotics means. Read [the press release](#) and [check our website's antibiotics section](#).

IFAH launches animation movie: healthy animals for a healthier world



IFAH has produced a three-minute animation movie explaining how healthy animals contribute to a healthier world. [Read our statement](#) and [watch the animation movie](#).

New infographic: the pathway to new veterinary medicines



IFAH has recently published an infographic explaining how veterinary medicines are made and brought to the market. [Download the infographic.](#)

IFAH website: new section on vaccines



Our website features a new section on the role and societal benefits of veterinary vaccines. It explains the story of seventeen-year old Ana, who helps her grandfather with the running of a small business breeding Dalmatian dogs on their farm in the Dalmatia region of Croatia. The article presents vaccination as one method of disease prevention and stresses that vaccines are a safe and easy way to stimulate a body's natural defense process to prevent disease and protect both animal and human health and welfare. [Check our website for details.](#)

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