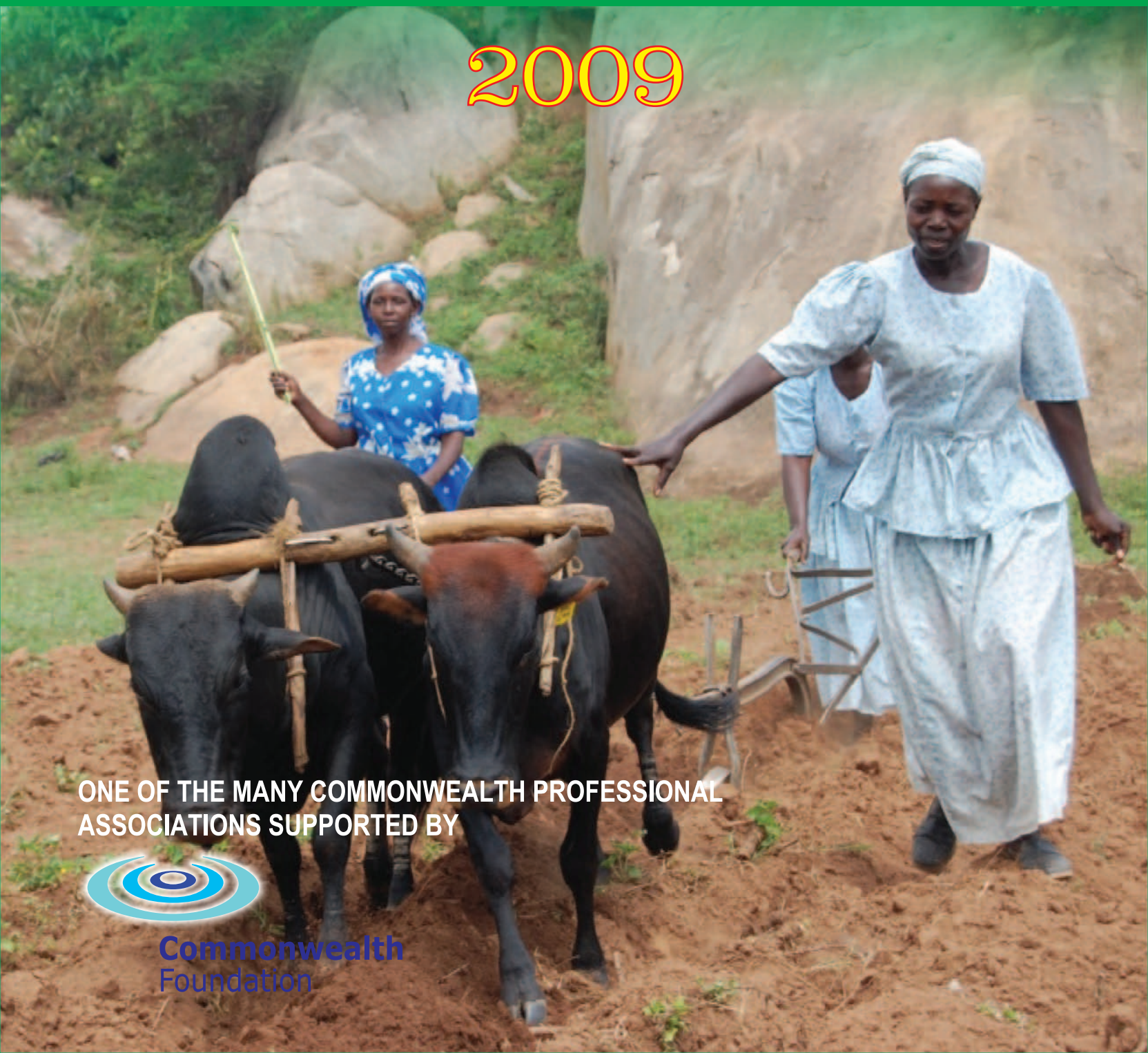




# ACTIVITY REPORT OF

# COMMONWEALTH VETERINARY ASSOCIATION

## 2009



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The Commonwealth Veterinary Association is made up of National Veterinary Associations or approved bodies of most Commonwealth countries.  
It is a unique organisation which meets a number of key needs of the profession.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Commonwealth Veterinary Association focuses on issues pertinent to the regions and with this in view a regional conference is held during each year to address concerns of the veterinarians regarding livestock health and management. Following the highly successful Australasia/Oceania Regional Conference in Samoa during 2008, the 13th CVA-East, Central and Southern (ECS) African Regional Conference was hosted in Kampala, Uganda from 9th to 12th November 2009 on the theme "Convergence of Veterinary Science, Public Health and Trade for Sustainable Livelihoods in Sub-Saharan African".

These Conferences provided an excellent opportunity for local and international veterinarians, scientists, livestock entrepreneurs, the farming community and other stakeholders engaged in the animal industry to present scientific papers.

It is the endeavour of the CVA to adapt itself to new challenges facing the profession. Members of the CVA Executive and the Officers meet if required once in every two years to chalk-out strategies and discuss issues pertaining to the Association and a workplan prepared to address these challenges.

I am aware that the realisation of CVA dreams is not easy and the way is long and difficult. I call again on all its members to take a serious look at the strategic suggestions from the meeting and initiate actions to move the association forward.

1st January 2010  
Accra, Ghana

**RICHARD D SUU-IRE**  
President

### MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Commonwealth Veterinary Association is to promote the veterinary profession within the Commonwealth by encouraging the highest professional standards of education, ethics and service in order to advance animal health, productivity and welfare to improve the quality of life of all its peoples.

### PREAMBLE

The Commonwealth Veterinary Association (CVA) was founded in 1967. Membership is open to National Veterinary Associations of Commonwealth member countries. Currently the CVA has 54 full members with each member association being represented on a Regional Council by a Councillor elected by the member association. Other non-Commonwealth countries are in the process of seeking associate membership. There are six regions representing Asia, Australasia/Oceania, Canada/Caribbean, East, Central and Southern Africa, West Africa and UK/ Mediterranean. Each Regional Council elects for a four-year term, a Regional Representative who becomes a member of Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is responsible for running the affairs of the Association. As well as the six Regional Representatives there are also a Past-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Programme Director and an Editor JCVA, under the Chairmanship of the President.

### MEMBERSHIP

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Individual members (veterinarians through national associations) | 45,000  |
| Regional Chapters or branches                                    | 6   |
| National Chapters or branches                                    | 54  |
| Institutional members  |   |
| Associate Members  | Secretariat of the Pacific Community                  |
|  | East Timor Veterinary Association                     |
|  | Association of Commonwealth Chief Veterinary Officers |
|  | St Maarten Veterinary Association                     |
| Corporate Member   | Norbrook Laboratories                                 |

## TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES

The technical activities of CVA cover a wide range and include the following which will be described in some detail below. They are:

1. **Journal, Book and Audiovisual Programme**
2. **Support for Veterinary Education**
3. **Training Programmes, Workshops and Seminars**
4. **CVA Website**
5. **CVA Publications ~ JCVA, CVA Handbook, Activity Report, CVA Brochure**
6. **Projects**
7. **Flood Relief**
8. **Continuous Professional Development**
9. **Future Strategies**
10. **Membership and Financial Performance**

### 1. Journal, Book and Audiovisual Programme

The CVA Book Programme is coordinated from the Ontario Veterinary College at the University of Guelph by Dr. Brian Derbyshire, assisted by Dr. Barry Burtis, and by Dr. Jeff Cave in Australia. Books are donated by veterinarians in Canada, Australia and New Zealand, all of whom are thanked for their generosity, without which the programme would not exist. They are available for distribution free of charge to graduate veterinarians, but not undergraduate veterinary students, in CVA member countries in good standing. Priority is given to requests from institutional libraries, such as veterinary schools and veterinary associations, and requests from individuals are met as funds permit. Postgraduate students are encouraged to submit their requests through the librarian at their institution, to ensure that the books will be widely available. Because of budgetary constraints and steeply rising mailing costs, the number of books which can be shipped is normally restricted to up to 30 titles for institutions, and up to 5 titles for individual veterinarians in any one year. Individual veterinarians are encouraged to share their books with colleagues in their area if possible.

Requests for books should indicate the required subject areas and/or preferred titles where possible, and they should include the mailing address to which the books should be sent. The latter should be abbreviated as much as possible in order that it may be accommodated in the limited space provided on the customs declaration. It is suggested that those wishing to submit a request should first obtain a copy of the current inventories of books available by contacting, preferably by e-mail, either Dr. Derbyshire or Dr. Cave. Shipments are made by surface mail, and may take several months to reach their destination. The recipients are requested to acknowledge the safe arrival of the books.

During the period January - December 2009, 93 books were sent from Guelph to 4 Commonwealth countries as follows: India (17 books), Nigeria (59 books), Trinidad and Tobago (6 books), and Uganda (11 books). From Australia, 74 books were sent to 6 countries as follows: Papua New Guinea (21 books), Samoa (21 books), South Africa (17 books), East Timor (7 books), Trinidad & Tobago (4 books) and Pakistan (4 books).

The current inventory at Guelph comprises over 500 titles, and the Australian depot, including sub-depots in New Zealand, Western Australia and Tasmania holds close to 350 titles. Multiple copies of many titles are held. Most of the books were published during the last 20 years; older texts, for which more recent editions are available, are discarded each year. While most areas of veterinary medicine are covered, particularly by the Australian depot, the increasing emphasis on companion animal medicine and surgery in Canada has led to a preponderance of titles in these areas in the Guelph depot, and fewer titles in large animal medicine and surgery, and in public health. The stock of books at Guelph was recently replenished through the cooperation of the Ontario Veterinary Medical Association by their generous collection of donated books at their annual conference.

## 2. Support for Veterinary Education

### CVA Support of Chittagong University Library

Officers of the CVA in Australia collect their personal copies of British, Australian and New Zealand veterinary journals and forward them soon after publication, to the Veterinary School at Chittagong, Bangladesh. This programme has been assisted by finance from the British Council in Bangladesh to help meet postage costs on a two-year basis. Particular benefits of this programme include speedy access to the latest journals from UK and Australasia, which is a significant help in building up an effective veterinary journal library. The Dean of the School has expressed deep appreciation for this continuing support. Since 2007, through the support of the local association, the Canadian Veterinary Medical Journal has now been incorporated into this programme.

## 3. Training Programmes, Workshops and Seminars

The Training Programmes, Workshops and Seminars organised by the Commonwealth Veterinary Association have long term benefits, both at the local as well as regional level. These are planned in such a way that the local veterinarians as well as those from adjacent countries benefit immensely from the visits of skilled veterinarians from within that region. Similarly, the visits of veterinarians from developing countries to these programmes in the developed countries also assist in a similar way. The highlights of 2009 were a regional conference in the East, Central and Southern Region and a one-day International Seminar in the Asian region.

### a. 13th CVA EAST, CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN REGIONAL MEETING AND INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

The 13th CVA East Central and Southern African Regional Meeting and International Scientific Conference was held from 8-13 November 2009 at Kampala, Uganda. The theme of the international conference was **“Convergence of Veterinary Science, Public Health and Trade for Sustainable Livelihoods in Sub-Saharan Africa”**.

The conference was jointly organised by the Commonwealth Veterinary Association, Uganda Veterinary Association, Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, Government of Uganda, and Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Makerere University.

More than 400 delegates including international speakers and Council Members of CVA attended the conference.

The Scientific Conference was inaugurated on Tuesday 10 November 2009 by Hon. Lt. Col. Bright Rwamirama, Minister for State for Animal Industry (Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries). The other dignitaries on the dias included Lord Ballyedmond, Founder, Norbrook Pharmaceuticals Worldwide, Dr Richard Suu-Ire, President CVA, Dr Nicholas Kauta, Commissioner, Livestock Health and Entomology (Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries), Prof. John David Kabasa, Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Makerere University and Dr Benon Mbabazi Kanyima, Chairman, National Animal Genetics Resource Centre. Dr Sam Okech, President, Uganda Veterinary Association in his welcome speech thanked the Commonwealth Veterinary Association for sponsoring the conference and choosing Uganda as the host.



#### *At the inauguration*

*L-R: Dr Gareth Bath, Lord Ballyedmond, Dr Richard Suu-Ire, Lt. Col. Bright Rwamirama, Dr Nicholas Kauta, Prof. John David Kabasa and Dr Benon Mbabazi Kanyima*

Dr Richard Suu-Ire, President CVA thanked the Uganda Veterinary Association for hosting this conference for the first time and for planning the Scientific Conference by choosing an appropriate theme to address the problems of livestock-keepers in Africa.

The keynote address was presented by Dr Alistair Couper, GB Veterinary Manager, Norbrook on Closamectin, a Pour-On anthelmintic of Norbrook followed by a video on Norbrook Pharmaceuticals. The organisers of the conference honoured Lord Ballyedmond by presenting a memento for his contribution to the veterinary profession throughout the globe. Dr Alistair Couper received the award on behalf of Lord Ballyedmond. The inauguration was followed by a welcome reception dinner sponsored by Norbrook.

The Scientific Sessions were spread over two days and included Animal Welfare, Drug Use and Regulation, Continuing Professional Development, Epidemiology and Public Health, Wildlife and Zoo Medicine, Livestock Production and Trade, Challenges: Issues, Constraints and Opportunities, Clinical Practice, Biotechnology and Molecular Diagnostics.



*A section of the audience*



*A CPD programme in progress*

The closing ceremony of the conference was held on Thursday 12 November 2009 and was presided over by Hon. Lt. Col. Bright Rwamirama, Minister for State for Animal Industry (Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries). Prof George Mondo Kagonyera, Chancellor of Makerere University and Dr Nicholas Kauta, Commissioner, Livestock Health and Entomology (Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries) were also present.

### **b. 32nd CVA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AND INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON CHALLENGES TO THE VETERINARY PROFESSION**

The 32nd CVA Executive Committee Meeting and International Seminar on Challenges to the Veterinary Profession was held from 7-9 December 2009 at Bangalore, India. The theme of the International Seminar was “**Challenges to the Veterinary Profession**”.

The International Seminar on Challenges to the Veterinary Profession was inaugurated on 9 December 2009 by Prof. Suresh S. Honnappagol, Vice Chancellor, Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries Sciences University (KVAFSU), Bidar. Dr S.M. Jayadevappa, President, Karnataka Veterinary Council, Dr. B.C. Ramakrishna, former CVA Councillor and former Vice President and Secretary, Indian Veterinary Association were the Chief Guests. Dr. S. Yathiraj, Dean, Bangalore Veterinary College presided over the function.



*Reciting of the invocation at the inauguration ceremony*  
Seated L-R: Drs S. Abdul Rahman, S. Yathiraj, Richard Suu-Ire, Suresh S. Honnappagol, S.M. Jayadevappa, B.C. Ramakrishna and M. Devaraj

Dr. S. Abdul Rahman, Secretary CVA welcomed the delegates and Dr. Richard Suu-Ire, President CVA highlighted the activities of the CVA. Dr M. Devaraj, Registrar, KVAFSU, Bidar proposed the vote of thanks.

The scientific programme included the following presentations.

- Epizootic Diseases and their Threats in our Global World/Village by Bob McCracken, Programme Director CVA
- Veterinary Education in India - Current Scenario and Future Trends by R.N. Sreenivas Gowda, Former Vice Chancellor, KVAFSU, Bidar
- Pacific Islands and the Needs for Volunteer Veterinarians by Robin Yarrow, Past President CVA
- The Role of Wildlife in the Emergence of Zoonoses by Richard Suu-Ire, President CVA
- Protecting Our Animals from Human infections by Keith Campbell, Regional Representative, Canada Caribbean Region
- Nutritional trends a future scenario by K.T. Sampath, Director, National Institute of Animal Nutrition and Physiology, India
- Animal Welfare from a Veterinary Perspective by Peter Thornber, Treasurer CVA
- Recent Challenges to the Veterinary Profession by Aneela Zameera Durrani, CVA Councillor Pakistan
- Internal Parasite Management in Small Ruminants by G.F. Bath, Regional Representative, ECS Africa Region



**Traditional inauguration by lighting of the lamp**

*L-R: Drs Richard Suu-Ire, Suresh S. Honnappagol, S.M. Jayadevappa and B.C. Ramakrishna*

#### 4. CVA Website

The homepage of the CVA Website ([www.commonwealthvetassoc.org](http://www.commonwealthvetassoc.org)) was updated in 2009. The website provides quick access to various CVA activities and is very important for veterinarians and national associations in accessing information. This enables them to meet deadlines for submitting applications to various programmes of the CVA, such as the CVA Study Fund. In addition, the Journal of the Commonwealth Veterinary Association is featured on the web for the benefit of students and veterinarians. The website has been very popular as evidenced by the feedback which is generated and the number of “hits” every year. It is estimated that there was an increase of 18% during 2009 from the previous years.

#### 5. CVA Publications ~ JCVA, CVA Handbook, Activity Report, CVA Brochure

##### i. Journal of Commonwealth Veterinary Association (JCVA)

During 2009, the JCVA was published in January and July. The January and July issues had 60 pages each. The circulation of the Journal is 2500 copies per issue. It is a highly regarded publication reaching every Councillor and Region. The CVA has continued to receive individual subscriptions from non-members. The Journal publishes scientific articles and news from the various Commonwealth regions and is subsidised by an Indian pharmaceutical company up to £5,000 per annum. The journal has a multiplier effect as a single issue in libraries of most of the developing countries is read by large number of veterinarians. The target readership across the whole Commonwealth would be approximately 20,000 on an average at the present time. The journal is abstracted by Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux (CAB) International.

##### ii. CVA Handbook

The tenth edition of the handbook was published in 2009 and is a guide for Councillors in the preparation and implementation of projects. The laws and by-laws are also included for easy

understanding of the functions of the association. In addition, a comprehensive list with names, addresses, telephone, email and fax of all CVA councillors representing 54 National Executive bodies of the Commonwealth countries is also in the handbook. The handbook is updated and issued in early January each year for guidance of all Councillors/RRs.

### iii. Activity Report

At the end of each year, the CVA publishes a report to highlight its activities including a statement of Membership and Financial Performance. Activities of the year 2008 were published in January 2009.

### iv. CVA Brochure

A brochure which is published every two years, highlights pertinent details about the CVA including its Mission Statement, Aims and Objectives, General Information and other activities. The last issue of the brochure was printed in January 2007.

## 6. Projects

The Commonwealth Veterinary Association projects are planned and executed not only to cater to the immediate area or location but to serve as models for possible implementation throughout the Commonwealth, the philosophy of the projects being capacity building of veterinarians, farmers, especially women farmers and others in the developing countries of the world. During 2009, the following projects were either continued or commenced.

### Project 1:

#### Training of Pastoral Women on Livestock Management in Magadi Division of Kenya

During 2009, the CVA project on training of Maasai women farmers in Kenya was continued for the third year. The recent training programme for the farmers was on the use of dewormers in livestock. Helminth parasitic infections continue to be a big problem in livestock in Kenya and hence, this aspect of the training. On one of the training days, the Director of Veterinary Services of Kenya also visited the camp.



*A woman vet (in white labcoat) demonstrating how to deworm animals*



*One of the training sessions.*

### Project 2:

#### Poverty Alleviation of Women Poultry Farmers of the Indian sub-continent to include Pakistan and India

The main livestock industry in the Indian sub-continent is poultry farming which is mostly backyard and acts as a supplement to agriculture. With vagaries of monsoon, the farmers are dependent on livestock especially poultry. However, the knowledge of scientific poultry rearing is very low and traditional methods are employed without proper nutrition and management practices. To address this problem, a

project has been undertaken in the villages of Jia Bagga, Lahore, Pakistan and Asansol, West Bengal, India.

This project will train the poultry farmers in better poultry production methods, increase the efficiency of production and thereby generate additional income. Nutrition of the producers will also improve.



*Women farmers who have undergone training in poultry rearing*



*A beneficiary family with the chicks*

Once the women are trained, it will help improve the economic conditions and therefore the livelihoods of the villagers. A more skilled and knowledgeable group of women producers in each location will contribute to greater sustainability and also serve as role models for other groups.

## 7. Flood Relief

### Floods and Tornado in Orissa, India

In March 2009, the Kendrapara District of Orissa State, India, was devastated by a tornado which tore through 11 villages, destroying hundreds of houses and leaving a debris path over 5km wide. With lines of communication disabled and homes destroyed, people and their animals were left stranded, without clean water, food or shelter. Almost 3,000 cows, goats and buffalos were affected by the tornado. Within days, the animals were suffering from skin disease, eye infections, water-borne gastric infections and raw open wounds – many of which had become infested with maggots.



*Rescued animals at the relief camp*



*Animals being treated at the relief camp*

Two teams comprising individuals from World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA) Disaster Assessment and Response Team (DART), Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) and People for Animals (PFA) Bhubaneshwar, were formed to provide emergency treatment for sick and injured animals through mobile clinics, administer anti-parasitic and multivitamin supplements to healthy animals to



boost their immune systems, provide 4kg of feed per animal per day, distribute tarpaulins as temporary shelters for livestock and to assist animal owners in rebuilding permanent animal shelters.

The animal feed and tarpaulin sheets for the temporary shelters were sourced locally and transported by PFA Bhubaneswar to Kendrapara. Once there, they were given to the village committees for distribution to stricken families.

The CVA provided logistic support to the efforts.

### **8. Continuous Professional Development**

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) has been a key part of the CVA's activities since its inception in a number of ways including organising workshops and conferences, short term study grants, supporting visiting lecturers and other specialists, a book and journal program, a CVA journal, a CVA website etc.

It was decided at the Executive Meeting at PCVC4 in Barbados in 2007 that the CVA would establish a group dedicated to further developing the CVA's CPD capabilities.

As we now live in the age of the internet the emphasis of the CVA-CPD Group has thus far been on the provision of on-line resources.

It is recognised that a high percentage of people in developing countries have internet access. In fact, in professionally isolated areas of the world such as the Pacific the internet is probably even more heavily relied upon than in the larger, richer countries. Furthermore, the provision of on-line resources makes information potentially available to an unlimited number of people and it is relatively cost free.

Whilst the CVA's CPD program is still in its infancy, we have been particularly fortunate in having our CVA members provided with free access to the New Zealand Veterinary Association's SciQuest® programme and to the United Kingdom-based WikiVet.

### **9. Future Strategies**

The Commonwealth Veterinary Association is a strategic partner with many International Organisations working in tandem towards achieving various objectives of interest to both partners. To name a few the CVA is actively partnering with The World Animal Health Organisation (OIE) in its Animal Welfare programmes and also with other animal welfare organisations such as WSPA, Compassion in World Farming (CIWF) etc. in not only Animal Welfare but also in areas such as Disaster Management, Development of curricula for Veterinary graduates and also in CPD. In the control of Zoonotic diseases such as Rabies in Asia and Africa it is partnering with Alliance for Rabies Control, an International Charity based in UK and supported by World Health Organisation (WHO), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Atlanta. The CVA also has a close working relationship with the British Veterinary Association (BVA) Overseas Group. The CVA is always looking for additional possible global partnerships to assist alleviate the problems of the livestock farmers in the developing countries of the Commonwealth.

## 10. MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

### a. Membership at 30-6-09

#### i. Full Membership (√ Fully Financial)

|                                 |              |  |              |                          |              |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| <b>ASIA</b>                     | <b>3/4</b>   | <b>AFRICA (WEST)</b>                             | <b>3/5</b>   | <b>UK/MEDITERRANEAN</b>  | <b>3/4</b>   |
| Bangladesh                      |              | Cameroon   |              | Cyprus                   | √            |
| India                           | √            | Ghana  | √            | Falkland Islands         | √            |
| Pakistan                        | √            | Nigeria  | √            | Malta                    |              |
| Sri Lanka                       | √            | Sierra Leone                                     |              | United Kingdom           | √            |
|                                 |              | The Gambia                                       | √            |                          |              |
| <b>AUSTRALASIA/<br/>OCEANIA</b> | <b>12/12</b> | <b>AFRICA (EAST, CENTRAL &amp;<br/>SOUTHERN)</b> | <b>11/11</b> | <b>CANADA/CARIBBEAN</b>  | <b>10/14</b> |
| Australia                       | √            | Botswana   | √            | Antigua                  |              |
| Cook Islands                    | √            | Kenya  | √            | Barbados                 | √            |
| Fiji                            | √            | Mauritius  | √            | Belize                   | √            |
| Kiribati                        | √            | Mozambique                                       | √            | Canada                   | √            |
| Malaysia                        | √            | Namibia  | √            | Cayman Islands           | √            |
| New Zealand                     | √            | Rwanda   | √            | Dominica                 |              |
| Papua New Guinea                | √            | South Africa                                     | √            | Grenada                  | √            |
| Samoa                           | √            | Swaziland  | √            | Guyana                   | √            |
| Singapore                       | √            | Tanzania   | √            | Jamaica                  | √            |
| Solomon Islands                 | √            | Uganda   | √            | St Kitts/Nevis           | √            |
| Tonga                           | √            | Zambia   | √            | St Vincent & the G'dines |              |
| Vanuatu                         | √            |  |              | Trinidad and Tobago      | √            |
|                                 |              |  |              | Turks & Caicos           | √            |
|                                 |              |  |              | Virgin Islands (British) |              |

#### ii. Associate Members

|                                      |            |  |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|--|------------|
| Secretariat of the Pacific Community | √          | Association of Commonwealth Chief<br>Veterinary Officers | √          |
| East Timor Veterinary Association    | √          |  |            |
| St Maarten Veterinary Association    |            |  |            |
|                                      | <b>2/3</b> |  | <b>1/1</b> |

#### iii. Corporate Member

|                       |            |  |  |
|-----------------------|------------|--|--|
| Norbrook Laboratories | √          |  |  |
|                       | <b>1/1</b> |  |  |

#### At end of 2009 Calendar Year

Members fully financial, 46/55 = **83.6%**  
Possible membership revenue realised = **96.3%**

## b. CVA Financial Performance for 08-09 year

The following information is extracted from the official Audited Financial Statements of the Commonwealth Veterinary Association for the year ended 30 June 2009.

### 1. From Income and Expenses Statement

| <b>REVENUE</b>                           | <b>\$ AUS</b>  |
|--|----------------|
| Grants – Commonwealth Foundation         | 6,526          |
| Membership Contributions                 | 31,469         |
| Sponsorship                              | 44,535         |
| Interest received                        | 1,430          |
| Sundry Income (including D Banks Appeal) | 98,219         |
| Foreign Exchange loss                    | - 60           |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                      | <b>182,119</b> |

| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>                   | <b>\$ AUS</b>  |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Administration                       | 9,294          |
| Audit fees and Accountancy           | 3,440          |
| Depreciation                         | 653            |
| Programmes & Publications            | 40,130         |
| Seminars, Workshops & Conferences    | 52,740         |
| Travel, Accommodation and Conference | 82,505         |
| Other                                | 0              |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>             | <b>188,762</b> |

### 2. From Balance Sheet

|                             |               |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Total Assets</b>         | <b>50,149</b> |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>    | <b>4,296</b>  |
| <b>Net Assets</b>           | <b>45,853</b> |
| <b>Total Members' Funds</b> | <b>45,953</b> |

The CVA is very mindful of the need to ensure that as high a portion of funding received as possible is utilised for program activities. The CVA currently works on a totally voluntary basis which assists greatly with meeting this worthy objective.

The CVA builds awareness and understanding in the veterinary profession which is utilised for better professional competence in the surveillance of and preparedness for serious animal diseases, both emerging and re-emerging by greater sensitisation and alertness.

Infectious diseases, including those of an emerging nature, are playing a disproportionate role in terms of their morbidity and mortality effects within the developing world. Over 60% of these diseases are zoonoses. As human settlement becomes more urbanised and as more farm animals are living in close proximity to humans, the risks of disease outbreaks in livestock and consequent transmission to human being increases. It is more important than ever to be better prepared globally for the early detection and control of emerging diseases of animal and human origin. Better awareness and enhanced capacity are fundamental to this objective.



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