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Weekly News Brief

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We have a surprise!

We are now providing content on a weekly basis to ensure current information.



by [Donna DeBonis, Past President, Editor](#) on September 12, 2024

In an effort to better connect with our membership, we are going to a weekly format. Our hope is that shorter, relevant content will enable our members to more fully enjoy and be made aware of current news in the realm of veterinary food safety and public health. Additionally, we can keep you informed of our organizational news as it happens.

REQUEST OF OUR MEMBERS

With our increase in communication via this newsletter, we are also increasing our presence on social media. We now have accounts on Tik Tok and Instagram. There are 2 very easy ways that you can help to increase our visibility and sustain our association, which in turn will benefit the veterinary community. First, *Follow Us* if you have accounts on LinkedIn, YouTube, FaceBook, Tik Tok, Spotify, and Instagram. Second, please add our LinkTree to your email signature block. Here is an example (simply add the bold listed below):

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Our new Social Media Logo

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<https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/aafsphv>

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/american-assn-of-food-safety-and-public-health-veterinarians-87b294327/>

<https://www.youtube.com/@AAFSPHV>

THIS WEEK'S TOP PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

BY [MICHAEL GILSDORF, DVM, MS, BS](#)

[**Africa CDC Likely to Declare Mpox Public Health Emergency Next Week**](#)

By Reuters, Aug. 8, 2024

KINSHASA (Reuters) – Africa’s public health agency is set to declare an mpox emergency as early as next week, saying the viral infection’s rate of spread is alarming, as a new variant moves across Democratic Republic of Congo’s borders. Mpox is transmitted through close contact and causes flu-like symptoms and pus-filled lesions. Most cases are mild but it can kill.

[**Companion Animal Veterinary Surveillance Network \(CAVSNET\)**](#)

(Submitted by Dr. Katherine Waters)

The Companion Animal Veterinary Surveillance Network (CAVSNET) is a comprehensive disease surveillance system that combines clinical practice data from multiple electronic health software platforms. CAVSNET is based out of the University of Minnesota and modeled after the successful Small Animal Veterinary Surveillance Network (SAVSNET) at the University of Liverpool. CAVSNET aims to collect data from small animals and equines. The CAVSNET Team participates in the University of Minnesota Antimicrobial Resistance and Stewardship Initiative (ARSI). ARSI provides high-quality and evidence-based resources

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for antimicrobial resistance and stewardship and conducts research to advance knowledge of companion animal (dogs, cats, horses) diseases and treatment.

[CDC study reveals significantly higher Lyme disease rates among older adults than previously reported](#)

By Dr. Sanchari Sinha Dutta, Ph.D.

August 15, 2024

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in association with the University of Iowa, USA, has conducted an epidemiological study to determine the incidence rate of Lyme disease among older adults in the United States.

The study is published in the CDC's Emerging Infectious Diseases journal.

[Researchers develop four new regimens to treat people with multidrug-resistant TB meningitis](#)

Johns Hopkins Medicine

Posted Aug 16 2024

In a preliminary study with a small number of humans, rabbits and mice, researchers at Johns Hopkins Childrens Center say they have developed four new regimens that have the potential to treat and save the lives of people with multidrug-resistant (MDR) tuberculous (TB) meningitis.

ASSOCIATION NEWS



by [Katherine Waters](#)

LOOKING AHEAD

[AAFSPHV Annual Zoom Meeting](#) 4 pm EST October 9, 2024

Please join us for a year in review and what the future holds. This will be a very important meeting open to all the membership, where we will announce our future plans for sustainability of our organization. Your awareness is critical for us to move forward as mentors to the next generations of food safety and public health veterinarians.

MEMBERS

We want to keep our organization strong and relevant. To represent the public health and food safety sectors of our profession, we need to boost our membership numbers. To continue our free RACE CE webinars and scholarship programs we need to increase our income. To keep our Allied Organization status in AVMA we need to increase our member numbers. If you know

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of veterinarians who would be interested in joining our organization, please send them this link:
<http://aafsphv.org/membership>

Lafontaine Memorial Scholarship:



Payton Williams Ragsdale has been selected as 2024 recipient of Lafontaine Memorial Scholarship. Payton is from Frisco, Texas and is a graduate of West Texas A&M University. She is a member of the 2026 Veterinary class and was a member of A&M's VERO program (Veterinary Education, Research, and Outreach). Payton was selected in the spring of 2023 as an Adel A. Malak Scholar and Intern with the Food Safety Inspection Service through the USDA. In this role Payton is receiving training to join FSIS as an in-plant Public Health Veterinarian after graduation. Payton is looking forward to her final two years of veterinary school and utilizing her clinical rotations to continue exploring the opportunities available for veterinarians with a focus in public health and food safety.

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