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## Highlight

### La responsabilidad de veterinarios en la crisis mundial del coronavirus

*Animals health-18/03/2020*

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- **OIE Press Release:** [COVID-19 and veterinary activities designated as essential](#) – 18/03/2020

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*MarketWatch-20/03/2020*

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[Hong Kong Pet dog that tested for coronavirus dies after returning from quarantine virus-free](#)

*MarketWatch-18/20/2020*

The Hong Kong pet dog that was tested for coronavirus has died two days after being released from a government quarantine having been declared virus-free.

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) in Hong Kong said it was notified by the owner of the 17-year old Pomeranian that the dog had died on Monday.

[COVID-19 : 475 morts en 24 heures en Italie](#)

*ICI.Radio-Canada.ca-18/03/2020*

La pandémie de coronavirus a tué 475 personnes en Italie dans les dernières 24 heures, le pire bilan enregistré dans un seul pays en une journée, a annoncé mercredi la protection civile. Le nombre de personnes tuées par la COVID-19, qui atteint près de 8700 dans le monde entier, est désormais plus élevé en Europe qu'en Asie, où l'épidémie a vu le jour.

[Coronavirus : Le prince Albert II de Monaco testé positif au Covid-19, son état n'inspire pas d'inquiétude](#)

*20minutes.fr-19/03/2020*

« Le Prince Albert II de Monaco, qui avait

**Excerpt**

“Both the World Organisation for Animal Health and the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention have said there is no evidence that companion animals such as cats and dogs can spread the virus. “Therefore, there is no justification in taking measures against companion animals which may compromise their welfare,” the animal health organization said.”

été testé en début de semaine, est positif au Covid-19. Son état de santé n'inspire aucune inquiétude », indique dans un communiqué le palais princier, trois jours après que le ministre d'Etat Serge Telle, équivalent du Premier ministre en Principauté, a annoncé également qu'il avait été testé positif.

### [UK can 'turn the tide' on COVID-19 in 12 weeks, says Boris Johnson](#)

*Euronews-19/03/2020*

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said on Thursday that the country can "turn the tide within the next 12 weeks" on the spread of COVID-19 but did not rule out imposing a lockdown if people did not respect social distancing measures.

### [Boris Johnson says he expects mass Covid-19 testing to be possible soon – as it happened](#)

*International-The Guardian-19/03/2020*

### [Is This 'Good News' List About the COVID-19 Pandemic Accurate?](#)

*Snopes.com-20/03/2020*

Things appeared pretty bleak in March 2020 as the COVID-19 coronavirus disease continued to spread across the globe. Businesses and restaurants were being shut down, people were asked to stay inside their homes, and the stock market was crashing. But, according to viral list on social media, it wasn't all bad news.

### [Trials to begin on Covid-19 vaccine in UK next month](#)

*The Guardian-20/03/2020*

Researchers at Oxford University, led by Prof Sarah Gilbert, are planning a safety trial on humans of what is expected to be the UK's first coronavirus vaccine next month. Provided that it goes smoothly, they will move directly into a larger trial to

assess how effective the vaccine is at protecting against the infection.

[Human COVID-19 vaccine trials due by July](#)

*Daily Mercury-20/03/2020*

[Wilmington animal shelter encourages fostering pets during COVID-19 pandemic](#)

*International-FOX 29 News Philadelphia-20/03/2020*

A Wilmington animal shelter is making a big push to get animals into foster homes during the COVID-19 pandemic. What happens when pets already in shelters are facing declining volunteers and fewer people out to potentially take them home.

[Something Extraordinary Is Happening In Italy After The COVID-19 Outbreak](#)

*IFLSscience-18/03/2020*

Even in these worrying and confusing times, there's still some positive news to be found. Many wildlife lovers in Italy are reporting that animals have reclaimed their canals and coastlines in the wake of the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak.

[How does COVID-19 compare to other pandemics?](#)

*Arizona Daily Wildcat-17/03/2020*

Since its inception, SARS-CoV-2, the novel coronavirus responsible for causing COVID-19, has over 240,000 confirmed cases and has caused nearly 10,000 deaths across the world, as of March 19. The mortality rate of the virus has fluctuated and since it is a novel virus, it's hard to definitively say where it'll end up. However, with current data, the virus has a mortality rate of just over 4% to date.

[Tracking the 'original source' of coronavirus should be top priority for scientists worldwide](#)

*The New European-19/03/2020*

The current Covid-19 outbreak is driven by a novel coronavirus (SARS CoV-2) that is spreading between people. The first human infections were reported at the end of December 2019 in Wuhan, Hubei province in China, when a cluster of 41 pneumonia cases was identified. Deeper analysis showed that it was a novel coronavirus.

**[Pets and coronavirus: can I take my dog for a walk – and everything else you need to know](#)**

*Telegraph.co.uk-19/03/2020*

As if worrying about each other isn't stressful enough, love in the time of coronavirus extends to our pets, too. Owners are currently unsure about how to care for dogs and cats, when both social distancing and top-notch hygiene are entirely unfamiliar concepts to our furry pals.

**[UN agriculture agency staff continue to strive for a better world amid Italy COVID-19 lockdown](#)**

*UN News-18/03/2020*

Italy has been hit hard by the COVID-19 outbreak, with nearly 28,000 confirmed cases of the disease and 2,503 deaths, according to latest statistics from the World Health Organization (WHO). While a national quarantine has the country in lockdown, it has not halted the work of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), based in the capital, Rome.

**[How to protect your mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)**

*CTV News-18/03/2020*

Mental health experts at the World Health Organization have published a guide to help people reduce stress and anxiety around the COVID-19 pandemic. Aiysha Malik, from

**Excerpt**

"The latest medical thinking, according to both the World Organisation for Animal Health and the NHS is no, they can't. "There are other fairly harmless strains of Corona that pets can catch," says vet and founder of Animal Trust Owen Monie ([animaltrust.or.uk](http://animaltrust.or.uk))"

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"The agency is working with WHO and the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) to assist countries and researchers in identifying potential animal hosts of the new coronavirus, though currently spread and development is due to human-to-human transmission."

	<p>the WHO's mental health and substance use department, shares some of the ways families in self-isolation and workers can reduce the burden on their mental health.</p>	
<p><b>Animal Welfare</b></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Animal Welfare Organizations Seek Homes For Pets During Coronavirus Outbreak</u></a>  <i>WABE 90.1 FM-18/03/2020</i>  The effects of the coronavirus pandemic can be felt by not just the human population, but also by pets. While the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says there have been no reports of pets getting sick with COVID-19, there have been instances where cats and dogs are being abandoned in the affected areas of Wuhan, China.</p>	
<p><b>Food Security</b></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Why Coronavirus Is a Food Security Crisis, Too</u></a>  <i>CityLab-17/03/2020</i>  Households that rely on food assistance can't stock up during the coronavirus crisis. That's why the U.S. created the P-SNAP program more than a decade ago.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Locust crisis poses a danger to millions, forecasters warn</u></a>  <i>Exhaustif-The Guardian-20/03/2020</i>  Experts fear swarms like those seen in Africa will become more common as tropical storms create favourable breeding conditions. The locust crisis that has now reached 10 countries could carry on to endanger millions more people, forecasters have said.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Vietnam for ensuring food security under any situation</u></a>  <i>Prensa Latina-18/03/2020</i>  Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc today said that there are no longer any hungry households in Vietnam and called on factors related to production and</p>	

	<p>distribution to ensure food security under all circumstances.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>The potential impact of COVID-19 on food security in China and globally</u></a>  <i>PRNewswire (press release)-17/03/2020</i>  Last week's OECD Interim Economic Outlook confirmed, as predictable, that the impact of Covid-19 outbreak on China's and the rest of the world's economy is going to be extremely severe. Restrictions on movement of people, goods and services, and containment measures such as factory closures have cut manufacturing and domestic demand sharply in China.</p>	
<p><b>Animal Health</b>  Avian influenza</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Bird Flu: Migrated birds under close surveillance in Mysuru-Mandya District</u></a>  <i>United News of India-18/03/2020</i>  Last week's OECD Interim Economic Outlook confirmed, as predictable, that the impact of Covid-19 outbreak on China's and the rest of the world's economy is going to be extremely severe. Restrictions on movement of people, goods and services, and containment measures such as factory closures have cut manufacturing and domestic demand sharply in China.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Bird flu: Culling operation continues in Mysuru</u></a>  <i>citytoday-20/03/2020</i>  In view of the prevailing bird flu that is haunting the city, culling operation has continued. Around 286 birds were culled on Thursday. 286 birds including 58 chicks, 161 country fowl, 67 pet birds were killed on Thursday. Around 161 eggs were also destroyed.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Karnataka: 6000 Birds Culled In A Week After Bird Flu Scare In Two Districts</u></a>  <i>The Logical Indian-20/03/2020</i></p>	

African Swine Fever

[After coronavirus, poultry farmers in Karnataka and Kerala hit by bird flu](#)

*Business Standard-19/03/2020*

After coronavirus hit consumption of chicken and eggs to a multi-year low, poultry farmers in Karnataka and Kerala are facing another problem — bird flu or, formally, the H5N1 virus. The source is migratory birds from the east. Farmers in the two states have reportedly begun culling chickens, while the state governments have restricted supply of chicken across their borders.

India (H5N1)

[New avian flu outbreaks impact China, India, Philippines](#)

*WATTAgNet Industry News & Trends (blog)-19/03/2020*

Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) has returned to the Philippines, after an absence of two years, as well as other Asian and European countries. In the first week of March 2020, the H5N6 virus variant was detected in a flock of 15,000 quail, around 3,000 of which died.

China (People's Rep. of) (H5N6)  
India (H5N6)  
Philippines (H5N6)

[African swine fever threat: What farmers need to know](#)

*FarmersWeekly-18/03/2020*

Although Britain has not yet seen a case, experts fear an outbreak could cost the UK pig sector hundreds of millions of pounds. We look at how to recognise the disease, how it spreads, what the figures of infection are telling us and how to reduce the risk of your herd becoming infected.

**Excerpt**

"African swine fever is the biggest threat to commercial pig production the industry has ever seen, according to the World Organization for Animal Health."

[China Reports New African Swine Fever Cases Among Wild Boars](#)

*The Epoch Times-19/03/2020*

China's agriculture ministry recently announced that African swine fever (ASF)

[China \(People's Rep. of\)](#)

was detected in seven dead wild boars in China's Shennongjia Forestry District in Hubei Province.

[African swine fever risk could increase as China raises pig output](#)

*Reuters-19/03/2020*

The risk of the African swine fever could increase this year as China seeks to raise pig output, said a Chinese official from the ministry of agriculture on Thursday.

[Vietnam attempts to cut pork prices to curb inflation caused by swine fever](#)

*The Pig Site-18/03/2020*

The outbreak of African swine fever detected in the country last February has forced the culling of around 20 percent of its hog herd and doubled the price of pork, which accounts for three-quarters of total meat consumption.

[Nearly 5000 pigs reportedly died in Bali's Tabanan regency](#)

*Coconuts-18/03/2020*

Bali's Tabanan regency reportedly recorded 4,804 pig deaths since an unknown swine disease swept the island early this year, with officials expecting the number to continue to rise as they scramble to contain the unidentified virus.

Indonesia

[Solomons govt to ban all pork imports](#)

*RNZ-20/03/2020*

The Solomon Islands government is preparing to ban all pork imports as a precautionary measure against African Swine Fever. The highly contagious disease can kill domestic pigs within a week of transmission. The Ministry of Agriculture said it is preparing to gazette the ban pending legal advice from the attorney general.



	<p><i>Exhaustif-The Independent-17/03/2020</i></p> <p>As scientists race to develop a vaccine to help curb the coronavirus in future, others are looking back at how it began, with a view to preventing future outbreaks. Experts agree that the virus, which has officially led to more than 7,000 deaths worldwide, originated in a market in Wuhan, China, that had kept vast numbers of species crammed together, in busy passageways that often flowed with the blood of animals killed on demand for customers.</p>	
<p><b>Aquatic Animals</b></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>283-Fold Increase in Sushi Parasites in Past 40 Years</u></a></p> <p><i>Market Research News-19/03/2020</i></p> <p>A brand-new research study led by the University of Washington discovers remarkable rises in the wealth of a worm that can be sent to people that consume raw or undercooked fish and shellfish. Its 283- fold increase in wealth given that the 1970 s might have effects for the health and wellness of people and also aquatic animals, which both can unintentionally consume the worm.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>'Sushi parasites' have increased 283-fold in past</u></a></p> <p><i>Mirage News-19/03/2020</i></p> <p><a href="#"><u>'Sushi Parasites' Up 283-Fold in Last Four Decades</u></a></p> <p><i>International-Courthouse News Service-19/03/2020</i></p>	<p><b>Related study</b></p> <p><a href="#"><u>It's a wormy world: Meta-analysis reveals several decades of change in the global abundance of the parasitic nematodes Anisakis spp. and Pseudoterranova spp. in marine fishes and invertebrates</u></a></p> <p><i>Global Change Biology-19/03/2020</i></p>
<p><b>Wildlife</b></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Billion-dollar wildlife industry in Vietnam under assault as law drafted to halt trading</u></a></p> <p><i>The Guardian-18/03/2020</i></p> <p>Vietnam's prime minister, Nguyen Xuan Phuc, has asked the country's agriculture ministry to draft a directive to stop illegal</p>	

	trading and consumption of wildlife over fears it spreads disease. The directive, seen as a victory for animal rights organisations, will lead to a clamping down on street-side markets dotted across the country, increase prosecutions of online traders and ideally put pressure on thousands of farms with known links to illegal wildlife trading.	
<b>Livestock</b>	<p><a href="#"><u>EU and GoN Launch £2.5m Livestock Disease Surveillance Project</u></a>  <i>The Punch-18/03/2020</i></p> <p>The European Union (EU) and Government of Nigeria (GoN) have launched a new £2.5M project that will improve livestock disease surveillance and control in Nigeria. Launched on March 4, 2020 in Abuja, the three-year Livestock Disease Surveillance Knowledge Integration (LIDISKI) project aims to boost the livelihoods of smallholder livestock and poultry farmers in Plateau state – the pilot zone, and subsequently 8 other northern states.</p>	<p><b>Excerpt</b></p> <p>“Representing the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development – Alhaji Sabo Nanono, Dr. Peter Umana commended the EU’s support to the project and assured the agency that the ministry has adopted the national strategy for the control and eradication of small ruminants disease with the support of the World Organization for Animal Health and FAO under the direction of the United Nations.”</p>
<b>Biodiversity</b>	<p><a href="#"><u>Destruction of habitat and loss of biodiversity are creating the perfect conditions for diseases like COVID-19 to emerge</u></a>  <i>Ensi-17/03/2020</i></p> <p>“Pathogens do not respect species boundaries,” says disease ecologist Thomas Gillespie, an associate professor in Emory University’s Department of Environmental Sciences who studies how shrinking natural habitats and changing behavior add to the risks of diseases spilling over from animals to humans. “I am not at all surprised about the coronavirus outbreak,” he says. “The majority of pathogens are still to be discovered. We are at the very tip of the iceberg.”</p>	
<b>Climate Change</b>	<p><a href="#"><u>COVID-19 may sport the thinnest silver lining: a cleaner climate</u></a></p>	

	<p><i>Smart Cities Dive-19/03/2020</i></p> <p>As the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic sweeps across cities, causing closures and suspensions of services, climate experts say it could sport a silver lining of reduced carbon emissions and in turn lead to a more sustainable economy.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Stanford researcher reveals influence of global warming on extreme weather events has been frequently underestimated</u></a></p> <p><i>Stanford Report-18/03/2020</i></p> <p>A new Stanford study reveals that a common scientific approach of predicting the likelihood of future extreme weather events by analyzing how frequently they occurred in the past can lead to significant underestimates – with potentially significant consequences for people’s lives.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Coronavirus vs. climate change and COP26: What happens next?</u></a></p> <p><i>edie.net-18/03/2020</i></p> <p>The coronavirus pandemic has brought the global economy to a standstill, with some now doubting whether the crucial climate talks scheduled for COP26 will be able to go ahead. So, asks Matt Mace, what impact would delaying the summit have on international efforts to combat the climate crisis?</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Coronavirus slows developing nations’ plans to step up climate action in 2020</u></a></p> <p><i>International-Climate Home-18/03/2020</i></p>	<p><b>Related study</b></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Verification of extreme event attribution: Using out-of-sample observations to assess changes in probabilities of unprecedented events</u></a></p> <p><i>Science Advances-18/03/2020</i></p>
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