



## **3<sup>RD</sup> KESCAVA AND 2<sup>ND</sup> AFSCAN CONGRESS**

**SAROVA WHITE SANDS BEACH RESORT AND SPA MOMBASA KENYA**

### **REPORT**

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## Introduction:

The Kenya Small and Companion Animal Veterinary Association (KESCAVA) is a branch of the Kenya Veterinary Association, a full member of the World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA) and an African Small and Companion Animal Network (AFSCAN) member association. Its members are veterinary surgeons from clinical practice, pharmaceuticals, laboratory and livestock production sectors as well as academia and governmental organizations. Some of its objectives is to improve practice standards, enhance public health and promote animal welfare. Every year the association holds a congress that includes lectures and a field day where members provide community outreach services like vaccination against rabies and humane population control in dogs and cats by spay-neuter surgeries. This year we had a similar activity at the Kenyan coastal city of Mombasa on the 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

Alongside the congress, KESCAVA was honored to host AFSCAN's annual board and country ambassadors' meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023. In attendance were the AFSCAN board President Dr Gabriel Varga; and board members Dr. Kevin Stevens, Prof. Mary Marcondes, and Dr. Derick Chibeu and in absence Remo Lobetti. Country ambassadors in attendance were Drs. Lilyan Mathai (Kenya), Sam Oketch (Uganda), Alex Chang'a (Tanzania), Ntombi Mudenda (Zambia), Alexandra Marko Namibia), Koney Boye Mensah Kwao (Ghana) and Olatunji Nassir (Nigeria). Also invited to attend the board meeting as prospective new members were Drs. Jean-Claude Manirambona (Burundi) and Samuel Derso Tezera (Ethiopia). The AFSCAN team also attended the main congress and field day / community outreach.



**AFSCAN Board and Ambassadors in Kenya**

## Congress:

The scientific congress was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023 to 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023. These three days were all occupied by lectures on various topics which were delivered as face-to-face and online presentations. The speakers and topics given at the congress were of the highest quality. The congress was also made available online for delegates in Kenya. The table below gives a summary of the speakers and the topics presented.

Topic	Mode	Lecturer
Skin Cytology “A basis for making rational decision”	Physical Lecture	Dr. Anita Patel
The ABC of emergency Medicine	Physical Lecture	Dr. Adriana M. Q. Lopez.
Chronic Recurrent Otitis Externa	Physical Lecture	Dr. Anita Patel
Total Ear Canal Ablation and bulla osteotomy	Physical Lecture	Dr. Willy Edwin Mwangi
Gaining an air way and Breathing Considerations	Physical Lecture	Dr. Adriana M. Q. Lopez.
Exploratory Laparotomy in dogs	Physical Lecture	Dr. Willy Mwangi.
Atopic dermatitis and Melassezia dermatitis; diagnosis and Management	Physical Lecture	Dr. Anita Patel
Vaccination protocols for dogs and cats according to the WSAVA 2023 guidelines – part 1&2	Physical lecture	Prof. Mary Mercondes
How do we treat shock	Physical Lecture	Dr. Adriana M. Q. Lopez.
Nutrition/Feeding Tube- The key for recovery.	Physical Lecture	Dr. Adriana M. Q. Lopez.
Dos and Don'ts of Chemotherapy	Teleconference	Dr. Sofia Carvalho
Ending Rabies in Sub-Saharan Africa one Health Approach.	Physical lecture	Dr. Samuel Derso Tezera
Insight in management of Keratoconjunctivitis sicca in dogs	Physical lecture	Dr. Willy Mwangi

Management of Corneal Ulcer in dogs	Physical Lecture	Dr. Willy Mwangi
Principles of Surgical Oncology	Teleconference	Prof. Nick Bacon

The participation turnout was as follows;

1. Physical attendance; 79 persons
2. Online participants; 44 persons.

The online streaming was offered by Varch Media Ltd. All sessions were recorded and they will be made available for on-demand viewing through the AFSCAN website once the editing is complete.

The congress was graced by three senior government officials:

1. Dr. Obadiah Njagi, Director of Veterinary Services, State Department of Livestock, Ministry of Livestock Development



2. Dr. Christopher Wanga, Director of Livestock Policy, Education and Research, State Department of Livestock, Ministry of Livestock Development



3. Dr. Mary-Theresa Agutu, Acting CEO, Kenya Veterinary Board.



### Field day activities / Community Outreach:

This was held in a remote village in Kilifi County at Bahati Primary School, Tezo on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2023. It was a good choice of venue because it is under-served as far as veterinary services are concerned and there has never been a mass Rabies vaccination campaign in the area.

Members participated various activities. The main focus was on Rabies control and public education on zoonotic diseases. Both ecto- and endo-parasite control was also done. Both large / livestock and small animals were vaccinated against rabies. The team also had a temporary field theatre where they did spay and neuters for cats and dogs. The statistics are as below.

1. 10 cats and 109 dogs were vaccinated against Rabies (Total 119 vaccinations).
2. There were 6 dog castration and 6 dog spays. There were 2 cat castrations and 3 cat spays. Total 17 surgeries.
3. Number of livestock dewormed and/or treated; 61 goats and 28 cattle (total 89).
4. The total number of animals attended are 208.

### Congress Costs:

The total expenses for the congress was KShs. 2.6 million. This was raised through various donors and members of the association.



## Sponsors and Partners:

The Congress was sponsored through membership subscription and various donors who came in both financially and in kind (merchandise and drugs for the field day). The congress was made successful due to the valuable partnership with:

1. CKL Africa Ltd
2. Ultravetis Ltd
3. Metrovet services
4. Elgon Pharmaceuticals East Africa
5. Sigma Feeds
6. Josera Foods
7. Mombasa Cement
8. Lesukut Kenya Ltd
9. AFSCAN / WSAVA Foundation
10. Boehringer Ingelheim (K) Ltd

## Appreciation:

1. AFSCAN
2. WSAVA foundation
3. Speakers:
  - i. Dr. Anita Patel
  - ii. Dr. Adriana M. Q. Lopez
  - iii. Dr. Sofia Carvalho
  - iv. Prof. Nick Bacon
  - v. Prof. Mary Marcondes
  - vi. Dr. Willy Mwangi
  - vii. Dr. Samuel Derso Tezera
4. Varch Media Ltd
5. Sarova Whitesands Beach Resort and Spa
6. Dr. Cornell Malenga, CDVS, Kilifi County
7. County Veterinary Department, Kilifi County
8. Charlie's Petcare
9. Team KESCAVA

## Pictorials: AFSCAN Board







## Congress







## Community Outreach





Thank You!