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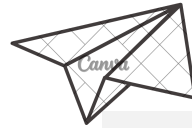
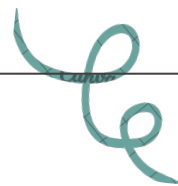


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PRESIDENT'S DESK

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Dear Colleagues,

A quick mid-year update:

With the threat of FMD looming, we have had great opportunities to strengthen the collaboration within our veterinary community. Thank you to all those who have made the effort to attend the meetings arranged by DVS and VAN virtually or live. The importance of a tightly-knit veterinary community cannot be overemphasised. Please contact us if you have any constructive ideas on improving this collaboration, such as practical ideas on how private vets can support DVS.

Please also remember the “Call for Submissions” sent by the Namibian Veterinary Council, calling for science-based proposals to strengthen Namibia’s defence against foot-and-mouth disease.

The FMD training day and World Vet Day are covered in more detail on page 5. Let us keep working together and educating the public on this important matter.

We have had some AFSCAN - WSAVA Small Animal Reproduction lectures delivered online -fantastic thought-provoking lectures on the newest topics in small animal reproduction, by the experts in the field, the current WSAVA Reproduction Control Committee. An absolute must for all small animal veterinarians who want to provide their pet-owners with the best advice on spaying and neutering and discuss all current options with their advantages and disadvantages.

These lectures have made it clear that there are no right/wrong decisions, but certainly a great demand for solutions tailored to the specific patient and factors.

For those who have missed these lectures, recordings will be made available at the end of the series, free for VAN members.

There are still two more sessions with live Q and A: Dr K de Cramer & Prof S Schaefer Somi
-Canine and Feline Neonatology (up to weaning age and soon thereafter)
-Non-infectious/Infectious diseases 30th June and 2nd July 2026

Furthermore, there will be a WSAVA Southern African Dentistry Tour in July, see page xx. Don't miss this great opportunity of lectures and practicals!

This year's “Livestock CPD” is in planning: pg 17

Furthermore, a few more lectures of the WSAVA-AFSCAN Cytology Series Part 2 are in planning for September and October.

This year's VAN Congress will take place in Swakopmund. We are still in the process of finalising the speakers and program, however have a great line-up already! See page 15

With only a few more weeks of winter left,

Best regards



UPCOMING EVENTS



WHAT IS PLANNED FOR 2026?

- WSAVA/AFSCAN Small Animal Reproduction Online Lecture Series Continuing
- 24-26 July 2026 Small Animal Dentistry CPD
- Livestock CPD September
- Annual VAN Congress 26-29 November 2026



SMALL ANIMAL REPRODUCTION



DENTISTRY CPD
24-26 July
2026



LIVESTOCK CPD
SEPTEMBER
2026



ANNUAL VAN CONGRESS

26-29
November 26



WORLD VETERINARY DAY 2026



FMD PRIVATE VET TRAINING AND WORLD VET DAY APRIL 2026

VAN would like to extend their gratitude and appreciation to the Directorate of Veterinary Services (DVS) for availing themselves to offer another training session in Windhoek for those private veterinarians who could not attend the sessions offered by DVS in Keetmanshoop and Otjiwarongo.

Program overview:

Dr M Hausiku: DVS Mandate and Mission

Dr E Hikufe: FMD-Epidemiology, Global and SADC Situation and Update on Mitigation Measures, and Aging of FMD lesions

Dr C Hansen: Sample collection, Processing, Storage and Transportation

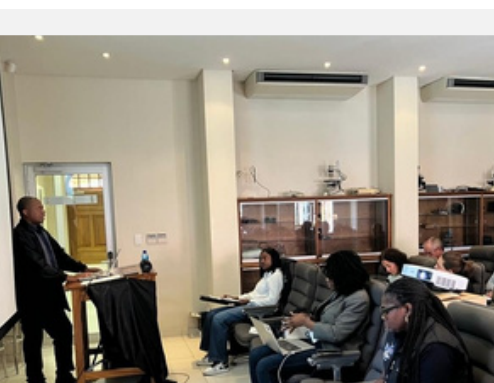
Dr J Erastus: Importance of Livestock Identification and Traceability in Disease Control

Dr N Haindongo: FMD Contingency Plan

Dr P Sitwala: FMD Awareness Initiatives

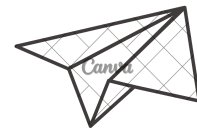
Thank you also to all private veterinarians who have made the effort to attend this session held at the Central Veterinary Laboratory on Friday 24th April 2026.

The information shared and the discussions that followed were very valuable in understanding the current situation and the way forward.





WORLD VETERINARY DAY 2026



RECAP

The following day VAN in collaboration with DVS held the World Veterinary Day celebration at the Windhoek Showgrounds Agra ring. The topic determined by the World Veterinary Association was “Veterinarians: Guardians of Food and Health”, which was very apt to our current situation and with a focus on FMD, through these discussions a closer collaboration between all stakeholders was sought.

All veterinarians as well as students had been invited to join.

The panellists included: Dr J Erastus (DVS) , Dr E Hikufe (DVS) , Dr C Hansen (DVS), Dr V Mutjavikua (DVS) , Mrs R Hough (FMD Fund), Dr J Kaehler (VAN)

Dr D Odendaal and Prof D Holm had been attending via Zoom to give all attendees insight into the South African situation.

Following this was a fruitful discussion on some practical aspects of FMD prevention and potential collaboration between private and state veterinarians.

These meetings have underscored the importance of collaboration between the sectors and we are grateful for this opportunity and look forward to closer collaborative efforts, so we can strengthen the professional engagement within our veterinary community.

Thank you to all panellists who gave up their Saturday morning for this important cause!

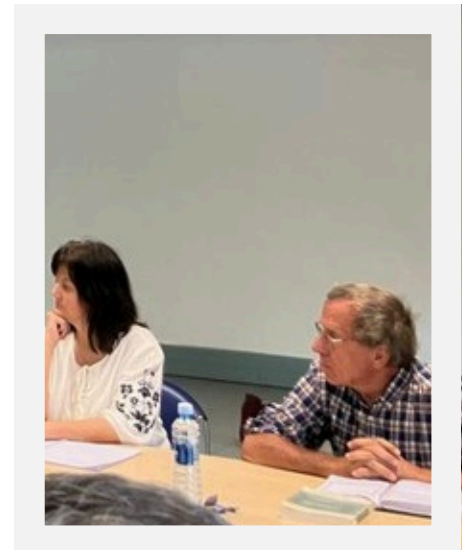
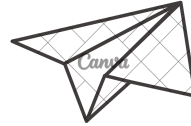
*We still have some FMD awareness material for those practices interested in displaying these.

*Please note: if you would like to be part of the “Namibian Veterinarians” Whatsapp Group, please contact the VAN Secretary. This group aims to bring together all veterinarians across Namibia and will serve as a platform for communication, collaboration and the sharing of information on animal health-related matters.



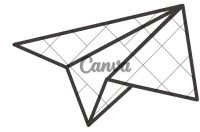


WORLD VETERINARY DAY 2026





DENTISTRY CPD 2026



WSAVA Southern African Small Animal Dentistry Lecture Tour

Speakers:

Dr Jerzy Gawor and Dr Olga Tretter

July 2026

- Sun 19th - Lusaka, Zambia
- Mon 20th - Harare, Zimbabwe
- Wed 22nd - Gaborone, Botswana
- Fri 24th & Sun 26th - Windhoek, Namibia
- Mon 27th - Luanda, Angola

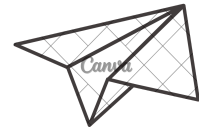
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DENTISTRY CPD 2026



ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



Dr. Jerzy Paweł Gawor (1966)

Graduated in April 1992. He received his PhD in 1996. Since January 2009 he is a Fellow of the Academy of Veterinary Dentistry. In 2015 he successfully completed the requirements and became a Diplomate of the American Veterinary Dental College (AVDC) and the European Veterinary Dental College (EVDC).

In 2023 Dr. Gawor was elected for the **Vice President position in Executive Board of the World Small Animal Veterinary Association.**

At present, Dr Gawor provides dental teaching services for the European School of Advanced Veterinary Studies in Europe and Asia.

His main field of professional activity is dentistry, head and neck surgery and oncology. Several hundred advanced dentistry procedures a year have resulted in a wealth of skill and practical knowledge. He has published and presented over 160 publications in veterinary dentistry.

Dr. Olga Tretter

She graduated from the University of Veterinary Medicine, Budapest, in 2010. After several years of work in England, she returned to Hungary and began focusing on small animal dentistry.



Since 2020, she has dedicated her practice exclusively to small animal dental procedures, oral and maxillofacial surgeries. She is an alternative resident of the European Veterinary Dental College (EVDC). Dr Tretter is deeply passionate about her clinical work, teaching, collaboration with colleagues and advancing the field of small animal dentistry in Hungary.

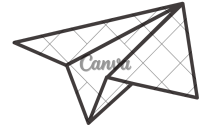


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DENTISTRY CPD 2026



WSAVA
Small Animal Dentistry
CPD Lectures

 **DATE:**
24 JULY 18:30 - 21:00
26 JULY 08:00 - 12:00

 **Windhoek Show Grounds**

COSTS:

-  N\$ 750 VAN Members and paravets both days
-  N\$ 1000 NON-VAN Members both days
-  Registration Closes: 15 JULY 2026

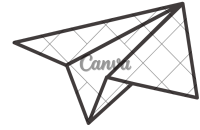


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DENTISTRY CPD 2026



IM3 SMALL ANIMAL DENTISTRY COURSE



DATE:
25 JULY 2026
08:00 – 17:00



**WINDHOEK
SHOWGROUNDS**

REGISTRATION CLOSES:
15 JULY 2026



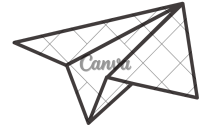
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DENTISTRY CPD 2026



COSTS

N\$ 750 VAN MEMBERS WHO ARE ALSO
ATTENDING LECTURES

N\$ 1 000 VAN MEMBERS NOT
ATTENDING LECTURES

N\$ 1 000 NON-MEMBERS ALSO
ATTENDING LECTURES

N\$ 1 250 NON-MEMBERS NOT
ATTENDING LECTURES

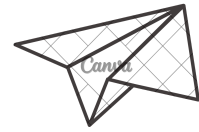
N\$ 750 VET-PARAPROFESSIONALS
ALSO ATTENDING LECTURES

N\$ 1 000 VET PARAPROFESSIONALS
NOT ATTENDING LECTURES





DENTISTRY CPD 2026



SCHEDULE 25 JULY 2026

Saturday 25 July 2026		
	Registration	
1 hour	COHAT	Dogs
Break		
1 hour	Radiography	Demo and Practicals
Break		
1 hour	Nerve Blocks	Demo and Practicals
Coffee/Tea Break		
1 hour	Dental Extraction	Demo and Practicals
Lunch		
1 hour	Dental Extraction	Demo and Practicals
Coffee/Tea Break		
1 hour	Dental Extraction	Demo and Practicals



4TH AFSCAN & KESCAVA SCIENTIFIC CONGRESS 2026



28th-30th
July 2026



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VAN Annual Scientific Congress 2026

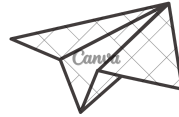
WHEN: 26-28 November 2026

WHERE: Swakopmund Plaza Hotel

WHAT TO EXPECT:
Wildlife
Small Stock
Exotics
Equine
Companion Animals

ANNUAL VAN CONGRESS 2026

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Speakers



Dr Johan van Rooyen
Small stock



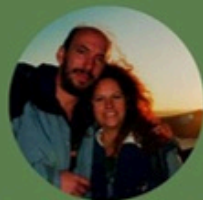
Dr Erik Verreyne
Wildlife



Dr Louis Loubser
Hills Small animal



Dr Catriona Lyle
Equine



Mag. Claudia & Dr Manfred Hochleithner
Exotics



Dr Yolande Rautenbach
IDEXX



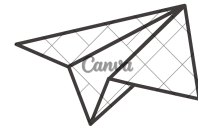
Dr Wilco Botha
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And many more...



LIVESTOCK CPD 2026

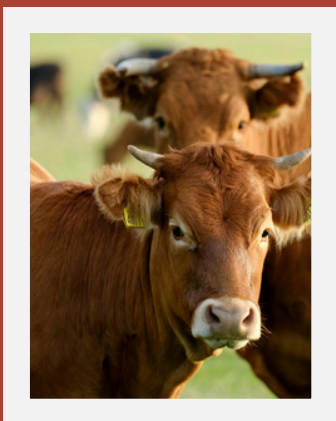


We are currently planning a Livestock CPD event for September 2026 and would like input from the veterinary community.

What topics would you like to see covered? Are there any specific speakers, experts, or industry leaders you would be interested in hearing from?

Please share your suggestions in the comments or contact us directly. Your feedback will help us develop a CPD programme that is relevant, practical, and valuable to the livestock industry.

We look forward to hearing your ideas!



Your voice can help shape the future of companion animal veterinary care. Around the world, veterinary professionals face different challenges, opportunities, and realities. That's why WSAVA has launched its first-ever Global Survey on Companion Animal Veterinary Practice. Whether you're veterinarian, veterinary nurse, or veterinary technician, your perspective is essential. The results will contribute to the Global State of Companion Animal Veterinary Practice Report, helping identify priorities, highlight trends, and support positive change across the profession.



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Global Survey

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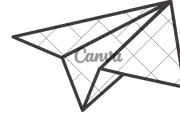
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