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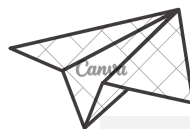
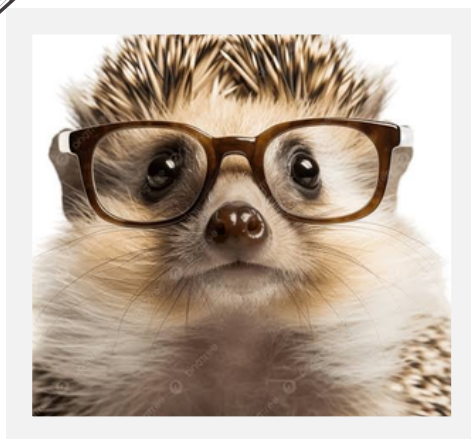


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PRESIDENT'S DESK

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Dear Colleagues,

What a shock it was last week -the news about the detection of FMD down South. While being aware of the disease on our doorsteps, all of us were hoping all along we would remain free of it. Now, all that matters is that we support each other and work together to get through this.

Thank you to DVS and everyone who has worked and contributed in any way so far.

We understand there is so much more going on behind the scenes and many decisions that need to be deliberated and viewed from all angles.

Thank you also to all VAN members and private veterinarians who are so passionate about our profession and willing to help DVS, should the need arise.

Let us not lose heart, but stand together, supporting each other, working tirelessly and believing that this can be turned around -we owe it to our fellow Namibians who have entrusted our profession with this task of ensuring animal health and production to the benefit of every person in this country.

On a different note: We've got some exciting news to share with you: VAN has become a member of the World Buiatrics Association and in collaboration with the World Buiatrics Association is planning on hosting the First African Buiatrics Congress in November next year, as part of the VAN Congress 2027.

This is an effort to bring together veterinarians, researchers, academics, and professionals from Africa and the international scientific community.

It will be a valuable opportunity to connect with the African and international veterinary community, strengthen professional relationships, and support the development of bovine health and sustainable livestock production in Africa.

But next year aside, we are looking forward to this year's VAN congress, which will be hosted at the Plaza Hotel in Swakopmund from the 26th-29th November 2026. As you have probably seen on the "draft schedule", we have small stock, equines, wildlife, small companion animal and exotics topics this year.

A change to the program: Unfortunately Drs Manfred and Claudia Hochleithner had to cancel, but Dr Dorianne Elliott will be lecturing on exotics instead.

We would like to thank Hill's and Idexx now already for sponsoring fantastic lecturers.

Also a big thank you to HIPRA for sponsoring the welcoming drinks at our "Industry evening" -please note that this year the plan is to have the Industry stalls manned during the evening function to give delegates the time to walk around the Industry area and interact with Industry representatives.



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September was Mental Health Awareness month and while it is good to have months dedicated to such topics, it is also important to be reminded daily and you'll find some interesting reads on page 17.

VAN's Mental Health Support group will be having their first training session in October -hopefully this will allow us to create a support structure all vets can lean on in times of need.

Please also remember that we have a VAN Facebook support group, where VAN members can rant or speak up safely, even anonymously, should they feel the need to vent.

A special thanks to WSAVA and the Polish Small Animal Veterinary Association for supporting the small animal dentistry CPD held in July. See page 12.

Thank you to all colleagues who have participated in the World Rabies Day Activities! Creating awareness and vaccinating animals makes a difference in our communities. See page 6.

VAN with the support of Feedmaster, Gondwana, Nampharm, Agra, Montego and MSD was able to print 1800 activity books for kids, which have been distributed among children all over the country. Thank you to SWAVET for sponsoring 400 rabies vaccines!

We are also excited to finally launch the "VAN Antibiotic Amnesty" project in November, in line with the World Antimicrobial Awareness Week.

Best regards,
Alex

ADVANCING CATTLE AND RUMINANT
HEALTH AND PRODUCTION
ACROSS AFRICA



UPCOMING EVENTS



VAN Annual Scientific Congress 2026

**Registrations are
open!**

**Click on the link below to
register!**

WHEN: 26-28 November 2026

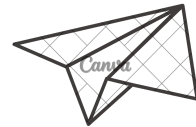
WHERE: Swakopmund Plaza Hotel

WHAT TO EXPECT:

**Wildlife
Small Stock
Exotics
Equine
Companion Animals**



LIVESTOCK CPD 2027



We wish to inform you that the Livestock CPD has been rescheduled to February 2027. As time was catching up with us, we felt it important to allow sufficient preparation to ensure a well-organized and valuable program.

By moving the event to early next year, we aim to start 2027 on a strong note — kicking off with a dedicated Livestock CPD that sets the tone for continued professional growth and collaboration.

We appreciate your understanding and look forward to welcoming you in February for an engaging and insightful session.



Reminder: Monthly Livestock Zoom Sessions: please be reminded that you can attend these case discussions and for 2027 we are planning on having 30-45min livestock lectures during these slots -please send us ideas of topics you would like covered.



WORLD RABIES DAY 2026

- STRONGER TOGETHER



This year, VAN proudly joined the global rabies movement under the theme “Stronger together”. With the generous support of our dedicated sponsors, we printed and distributed 1,800 awareness booklets across Namibia:

Booklet distribution:

- 200 – Whk SPCA
- 400 – NAWA
- 400 – Mobile Clinic Dr Baines
- 200 – MET Dr Janine
- 200 – Naankuse
- 200 – Gondwana
- 200 – CCF



In addition, VAN distributed more than 1400 doses of rabies vaccines to campaigns held across Namibia — protecting both animals and communities. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our sponsors for making this possible. Together, we are building a safer, healthier future for all.



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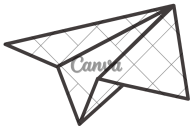
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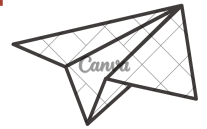
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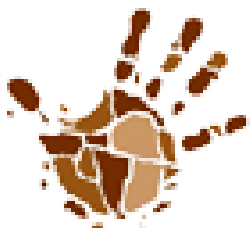
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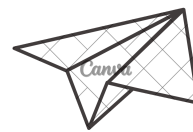


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WSAVA PSAVA SMALL ANIMAL DENTISTRY CPD



We had the privilege of welcoming Dr Jerzy Gawor, WSAVA President elect and European as well as American Diplomate in Small Animal Dentistry, together with one of his dentistry residents, Dr Olga Tretter. The lectures gave a good overview of the common conditions encountered in small animal dentistry, as well as extraction techniques, radiography and more in-depth topics.

The practical dentistry day was generously supported by iM3 and DIAG, who brought the newest iM3 dentistry machines for us to use, as well as two dentistry radiography units. iM3-representative John Wood flew in all the way from Australia to provide the technical support for this practical day.

This day included: Radiography positioning, dental charting, nerve blocks and extraction techniques.

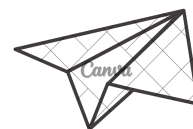
Thank you to all delegates who attended this event!





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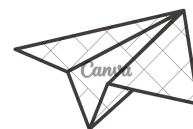
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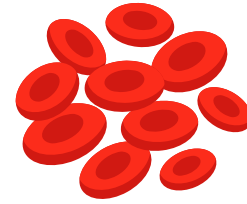


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THE ERY STORY

WRITTEN BY DR MINTY SONI



Erythrocyte morphology and haemodynamic parameters are important in determining mammalian health. Over centuries blood parameters have been used as the most basic diagnostic indicator to evaluate health in animals and humans. Through the journey of Ery the Erythrocyte we will explore detailed and complex journey of erythrocytes in mammalian body and diseases related to erythrocyte dysfunction. Over the next 7 Manga's we will walk through the following 14 chapters of Ery's life!

Chapters:

1. Ery and Ferri

Erythrocytes and their relations to Iron in the body. Exploring Iron deficiency anaemia, meet Ery's friend Cody the Codocyte and understand how iron is reabsorbed in circulation.

2. Ery in the Lung

Exploring hypoxia and Erythrocytes relation with oxygenation and haemoglobin.

3. Ery meets Schistocyte and they travel to the Spleen

Function of spleen in disease and health.

4. The adventures through capillaries, arteries and in veins.

How the endothelial layers work and introductions to the endothelial glycocalyx

5. Nephrons love Ery.

Effect of hypoxia at nephron level. How the glomerular filtration works at cellular level

6. Ery meets the odd balls.

Meet leptocytes, ghost cells, spherocytes and others and how they relate to disease processes.

7. Ery's interview on "Surviving IMHA" as published in The Daily Cell newspaper.

The effect of IMHA on erythrocytes and what are the known causes of IMHA and how it can be best managed.

8. Mom says, "You look pale Ery". He explores why!

Regenerative and non regenerative anaemia and understanding anaemia of Chronic illness.

9. Meeting the Aliens that look the same. Ery meeting cells from another body.

Exploring transfusions.

10. Aliens have their stories of dysfunctional systems, and they tell Ery why he matters.

Hereditary anaemia, congenital erythrocytes abnormalities and diseases.

11. The young ones storm the blood supply; Ery is surrounded by Retics.

Interpreting Reticulocytosis in peripheral blood smears.

12. Ery survived exhaustion.

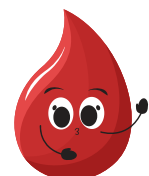
Exploring hypoxia at Erythrocyte level.

13. His final journey through the heart.

Where the myocytes get all their blood supply and effect of erythrocyte dysfunction and anaemia on cardiac myocytes and heart function.

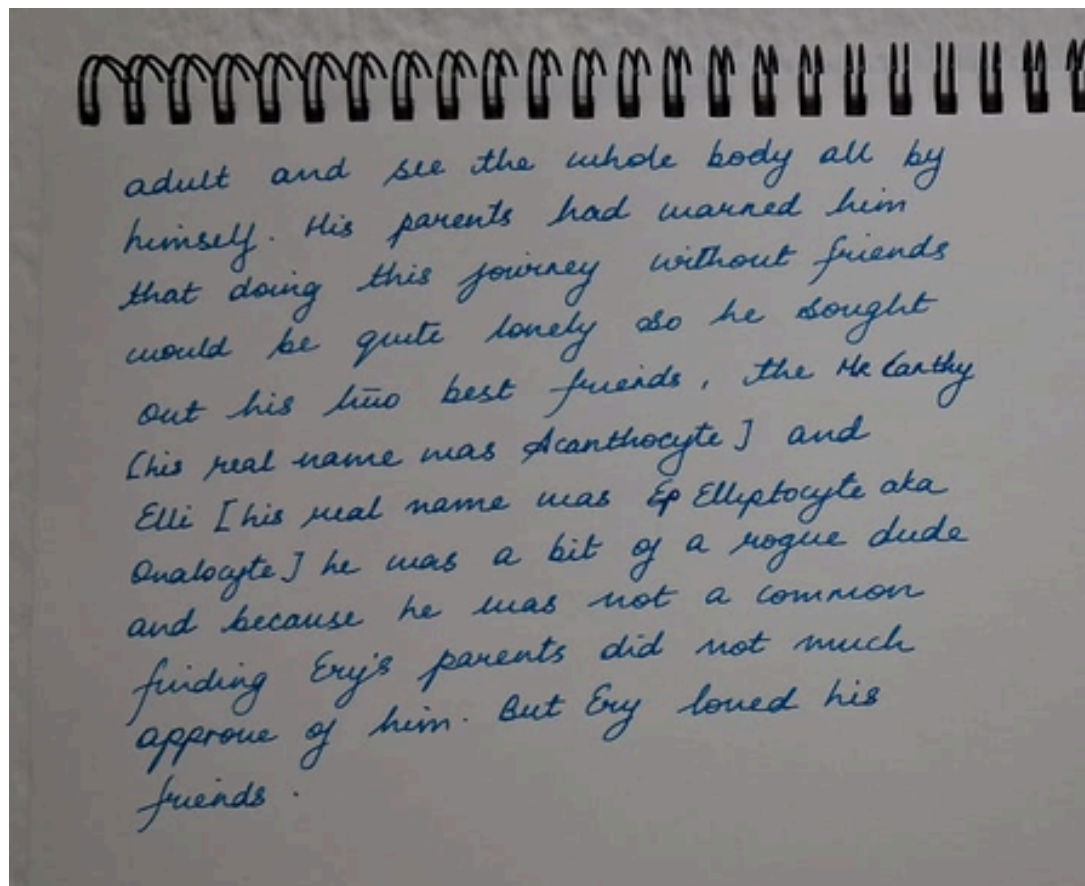
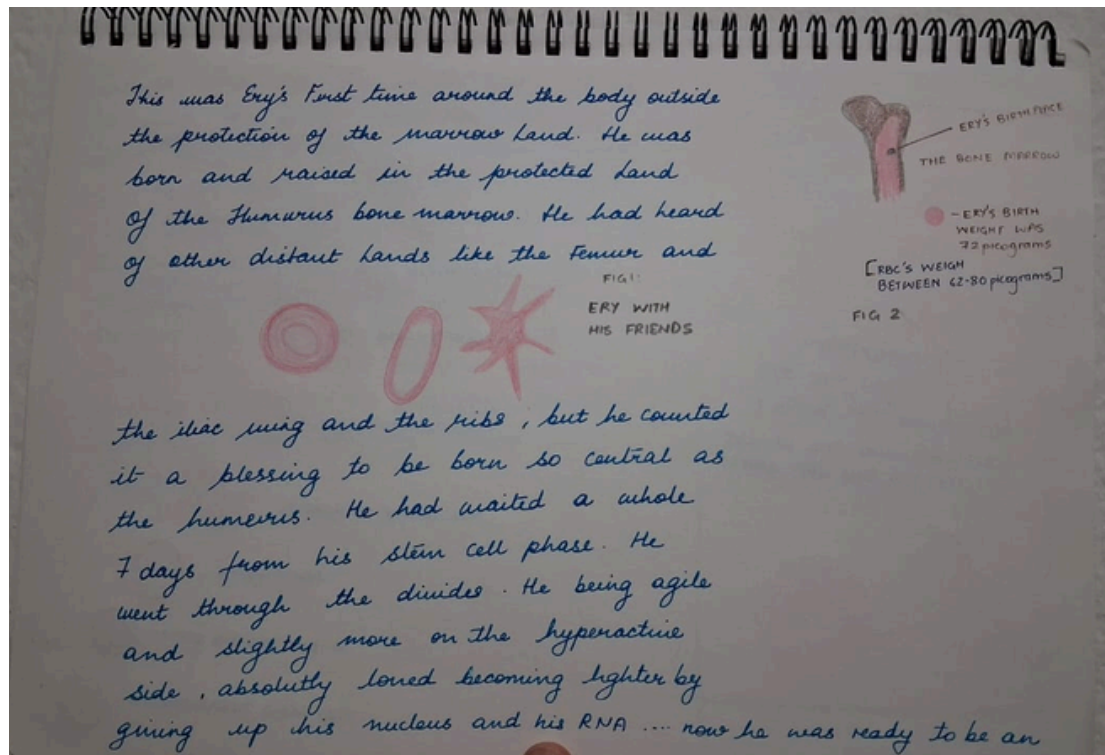
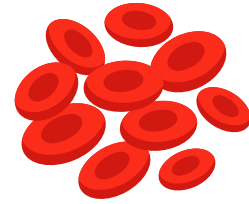
14. It's time to say goodbye

What happens to erythrocytes once they are old and nonfunctional.



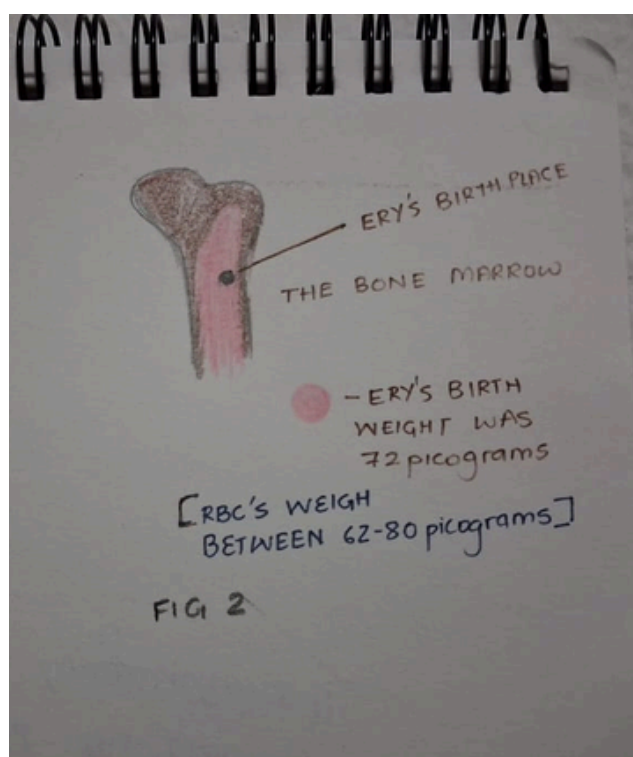
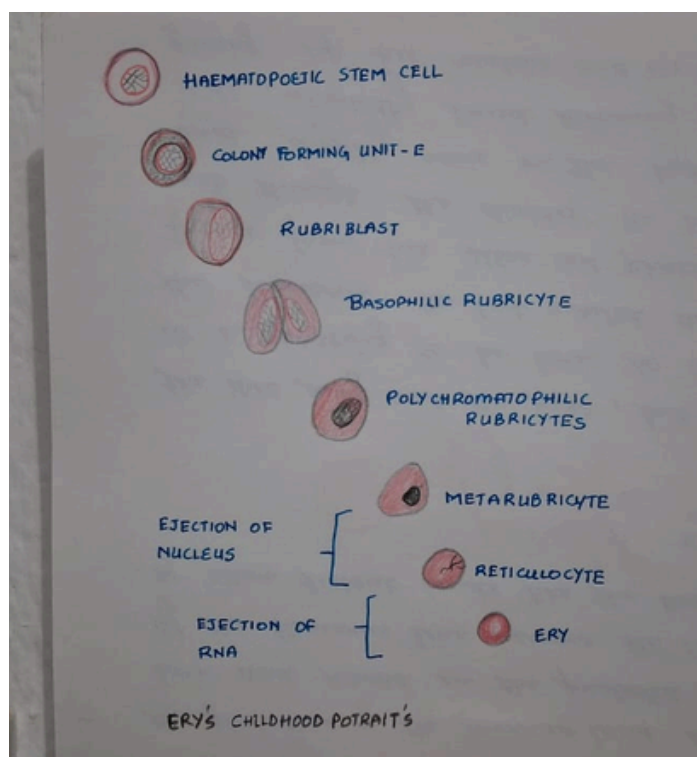
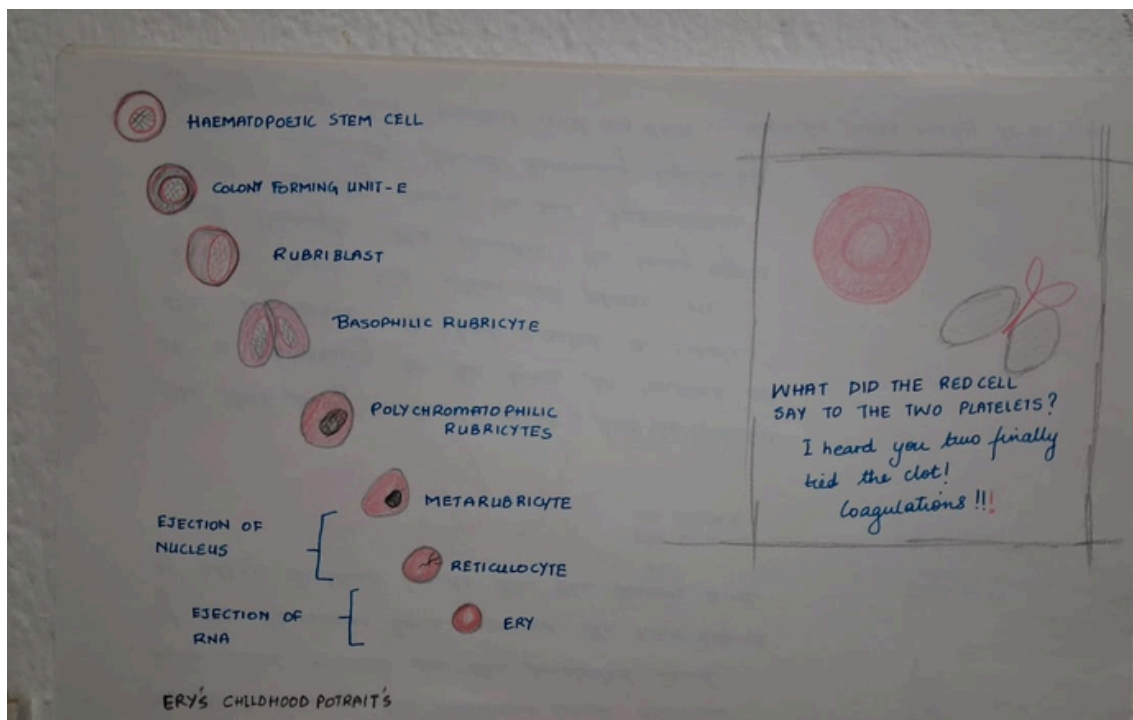
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SUICIDE AWARENESS PREVENTION MONTH

DISMANTLING MYTHS REGARDING SUICIDE AMONG VETERINARIANS

• WRITTEN BY DR MARIE HOLOWAYCHUK

I think we've done our profession a disservice by not updating the narrative around suicide among veterinarians.

Older data does support the often-repeated claim that veterinarians have the highest suicide rate of any profession. But more recent research tells a more nuanced story.

There is a real, well-documented elevated risk of suicide among veterinary professionals. At the same time, continuing to repeat outdated numbers or oversimplify this incredibly complex issue can do harm.

In my latest blog, "Dismantling Myths Regarding Suicide in Veterinarians," I take a closer look at what the current research tells us, the risk factors that can contribute to suicide in veterinary medicine, why the way we talk about suicide matters, and resources available specifically to veterinary professionals.

I wrote this because I believe we need to be able to talk about suicide honestly and openly, without sensationalizing it or making people feel like suicide is somehow inevitable in our profession.

September is Suicide Prevention Month, and I believe prevention happens in the everyday moments, too. Checking in with a colleague. Noticing when someone seems to be struggling. Asking how someone is really doing. Making conversations about mental health a normal part of our workplaces and our lives. And if you are experiencing thoughts of suicide or self-harm, please know that you are not alone. Your life matters, and support is available.

In Canada or the United States, call or text 988. In other countries, visit findahelpline.org to find a crisis helpline where you live.

There is hope. Things can change, even when it may be difficult to see that in the moment. You do not have to navigate it alone.

Read the blog: [CLICK HERE](#)

So the honest answer is yes: there is a real, well-documented, elevated risk. That part isn't a myth.



#SuicidePreventionMonth
#MentalHealthMyths

#MentalHealthMatters

#VeterinaryMedicine

#RevivingVetMed



SUICIDE AWARENESS PREVENTION MONTH

• VETERINARY VOICES UK

One of the most powerful conversations we've had on the podcast recently wasn't actually about revolutionary surgery, new technology, innovative procedures or the latest research.

It was about mistakes and complications.

During our discussion with veterinary neurologist and neurosurgeon Colin Driver, we found ourselves talking about two authors who have influenced both of us enormously: Henry Marsh and Atul Gawande. Both have written extensively about what it means to practise medicine when the stakes are impossibly high, when every decision matters, and when, despite doing everything you reasonably can, outcomes are sometimes not what you hoped for.

Henry Marsh quotes the French surgeon René Leriche:

"Every surgeon carries within himself a small cemetery where, from time to time, he goes to pray, a place of bitterness and regret where he must look for an explanation for his failures."

As a profession of incredible Registered Veterinary Nurses and Veterinary Surgeons, who know all too well about the feelings brought about by imposter syndrome, we often see trusted and esteemed colleagues standing on conference stages, publishing research, delivering inspiring talks, developing new techniques and performing extraordinary procedures. It is easy to assume that expertise, seniority or experience somehow protects people from failure.

It doesn't.

One of the things Robyn reflected on during the conversation was that some of the most memorable conference presentations she has ever attended have not been about spectacular successes. They have been surgeons standing in front of hundreds of colleagues and presenting the cases that went wrong. The unexpected complication. The diagnostic error. The patient they lost. The decision they would make differently if they had the chance again.

Those presentations are rarely comfortable to give.

But they may be some of the most important talks delivered.



As Colin pointed out, however, there is an important distinction that we often fail to make when talking about these cases.

A complication is not the same as a mistake.

Complications are an inevitable part of practising medicine. No matter how experienced the veterinary professional, no matter how carefully planned the procedure, risk can never be reduced to zero. Mistakes, on the other hand, deserve careful reflection because they help us understand where in the system we went wrong, how we think, where our reasoning failed and how we can prevent the same thing happening again.



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During the podcast, Colin openly described one of the most difficult cases of his career. It wasn't poor knowledge or poor technique that caught him out. It was a cognitive bias. He assumed that because a procedure had never previously gone wrong in that way, everything must have been fine. It was only after speaking to a trusted colleague that he recognised what had happened, corrected the problem, and thankfully the patient went on to make an excellent recovery. Years later, the owner still sends him updates.

There is an incredible lesson in that story.
Not that experienced clinicians don't make mistakes.
But that experienced clinicians continue to question themselves, seek advice and learn.

It reminded us of another quote, this time from Atul Gawande:
"The struggle in medicine is not to eliminate bad doctors. It is to prevent good doctors from making mistakes."
That requires something we don't always give ourselves or our colleagues. The ability to ask for another opinion. To say, "Can you have a look at this? I don't think something is right." Those conversations are not signs of weakness. They are signs of professionalism.

In veterinary medicine we often talk about creating a learning culture rather than a blame culture, yet many professionals still carry enormous fear surrounding mistakes and complications (even those expected). There is fear of complaints, fear of judgement from colleagues, fear of social media, fear of investigations and, perhaps most powerfully of all, fear of letting ourselves down.
The irony is that these fears can make learning harder. When people feel unable to discuss difficult cases openly, everyone loses the opportunity to learn from them.
The cases we remember most are often not the ones that went perfectly. They are the ones that changed how we practise forever.

As Colin said towards the end of the conversation, those experiences stay with you. You carry them with you throughout your career, but you also use them to become a better clinician for every patient that follows.

We should never stop reflecting, never stop questioning, and never stop learning from the patients we will never forget.

Listen to Colin and Robyn talk about this on Vet Voices On Air:
[CLICK HERE](#)





SUICIDE AWARENESS PREVENTION MONTH

- **AMY HESS, DVM, MSC**

Last week, our profession tragically lost Dr. Cierra Cadena to suicide. She was only a few months out of veterinary school and at the very beginning of a career she had worked so hard for. My heart goes out to her family, her friends, her classmates, and her colleagues. We don't know her story, and it isn't ours to tell. But her loss has shaken our entire profession.

Sadly, she is not the first of us we have lost, and I'm afraid she won't be the last unless something changes. Female veterinarians are 3.5 times more likely to die by suicide than the general population. Male veterinary technicians may be as much as five times more likely. One in six veterinarians has experienced suicidal thoughts since leaving veterinary school. We've been talking about these numbers for years, and we still have no evidence they're getting better.

I'm sharing something personal because it matters. Years ago, I was in a very dark place, deeply depressed and struggling to see a way forward. I left veterinary medicine. I'm well now and back doing work I love, but for a long time, nothing I tried helped. What finally made sense of it was learning about moral injury.

Moral injury is the harm that builds when we are repeatedly unable to do what we know is right. The treatable patient we couldn't save. The suffering animal we couldn't give a peaceful death. The understaffed shifts where our patients deserve more than we can give. The clients who berate us for trying to help. The toxic leadership that leaves good people unseen and unsupported. Over time, we start to question whether we're good veterinarians, and whether we're good people.

Understanding that what I was experiencing was moral injury, not just burnout, was where my healing began. Radical gratitude, self-compassion, and forgiveness carried me the rest of the way. But healing myself didn't change the conditions that hurt me in the first place.

So, if you're struggling, please hear this: you are not broken.
The systems we work in are.



After losses like this, there's always an outcry for kindness and understanding from the outside world. That kindness matters, but it won't change the conditions we work in. And we can't self-care our way out of a problem we didn't create. Real change has to start from within, in our clinics, our exam rooms, and our conversations with our leaders and each other. When we understand what moral injury is and what it does to us, we can find the awareness, resilience, and strength to fix the systems that keep putting good people in impossible situations.

Before another one of us is lost.

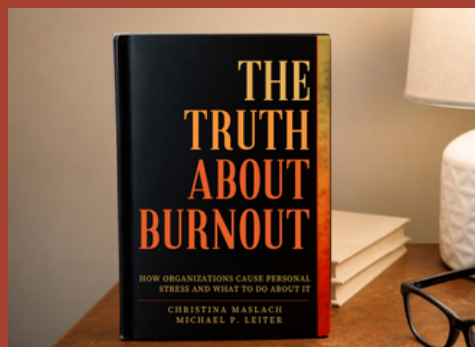
If this resonates, please reach out. I'm always happy to talk, and I offer RACE-approved in-clinic training on moral injury. But please also get professional support. If you're having thoughts of suicide, call or text 988, any time. Not One More Vet (nomv.org) offers peer support for veterinary professionals.



SUICIDE AWARENESS PREVENTION MONTH

Burnout Does Not Mean You Are Broken. It Means the System Is Broken.

[CLICK HERE TO READ MORE](#)



The hidden cost of a difficult client.

[CLICK HERE TO READ MORE](#)

Please join our anonymous support group on Facebook – a safe space to share, vent, and connect. Together, Namibia's veterinary community stands strong. If things feel difficult, please seek help. You are never alone.

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN](#)



Have you ever wanted to support a colleague who was struggling, but weren't quite sure how?

Veterinary professionals increasingly recognise that supporting colleagues' wellbeing is part of building a healthy and sustainable profession. Yet mentoring someone through self-doubt, perfectionism, compassion fatigue or a difficult period requires specific skills.

VAN members training sessions with psychologist Maika Eysselein end of October. If you want to join the "VAN mental health support group", please contact secretary (secretary@van.org.na)

VETERINARY TECHNICIANS WEEK



THE UNSUNG PROFESSIONALS BEHIND ANIMAL HEALTH

International Animal/Veterinary Technicians Week recognises Namibia's para-veterinary group in the second week of October. This week provides an opportunity to recognise and acknowledge the essential people who work every day to protect animal health, animal welfare and ultimately, human health.

When we think about veterinary care, the first person who usually comes to mind is the veterinarian. Yet veterinarians could not provide an effective animal-health service without the skilled para-veterinary professionals who work alongside them.

In Namibia, these professionals form an important part of the country's veterinary system and are required to be registered with the Namibia Veterinary Council. Their responsibilities are practical, demanding and often carried out far from the public eye.

A large proportion of Namibia's para-veterinary workforce consists of Animal Health Technicians working within the Directorate of Veterinary Services (DVS). Their work is particularly important in a country where livestock production is a major component of rural livelihoods and the economy.



Animal Health Technicians are often the people who are closest to farmers and their animals. They assist with disease surveillance and control, vaccination programmes, animal-health inspections, sample collection and the early detection of disease outbreaks. They may work under difficult field conditions, travelling long distances and dealing with everything from routine livestock health problems to serious infectious diseases that could have consequences far beyond a single farm.



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Their work is therefore not simply about treating sick animals. It contributes to food security, livestock production, trade, public health and Namibia's ability to respond rapidly to animal disease emergencies. The para-veterinary profession also extends beyond production livestock. Namibia has veterinary nurses and technical assistants working in private veterinary clinics and alongside wildlife veterinarians. Their contribution is increasingly important as veterinary medicine and wildlife conservation is closely connected. They may assist with the capture, examination, treatment and rehabilitation of animals and with the practical management of wildlife-health cases.

These professionals frequently work behind the scenes. Their names may not appear in reports or newspaper headlines, but their knowledge, practical skills and dedication are fundamental to successful veterinary care.

International Animal/Veterinary Technicians Week is therefore more than a celebration of a profession. It is a reminder that animal health is a team effort.

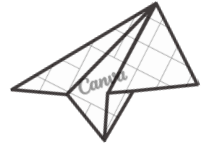
Namibia should be proud of its Animal Health Technicians and other registered para-veterinary professionals. They are an indispensable link between veterinarians, farmers, wildlife professionals and the animals whose health and welfare depend upon them.

Para-veterinary work deserves recognition—not only this week, but throughout the year.

NVTA - Namibia Veterinary Technicians Association 2026



CCF'S ONE HEALTH PROGRAMME: PROTECTING COMMUNITIES THROUGH RABIES PREVENTION



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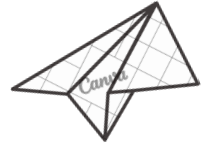
The Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF) takes an interdisciplinary approach to cheetah conservation, including a One Health programme that aims to improve the health of livestock guarding dogs and livestock to reduce human-wildlife conflict. Healthier livestock is less prone to predator attacks, especially when protected by healthy guard dogs. Rabies prevention is an important part of this work. By protecting domestic dogs and cats through vaccination, we also protect people, livestock, and wildlife from this deadly zoonotic disease.

The programme operates within the four eastern communal conservancies of the Greater Waterberg Landscape: Otjituuo, Okamatapati, African Wild Dog, and Ozonahi, which are adjacent to the Waterberg Plateau National Park. Each year, CCF's field team travels to these conservancies, camping in remote communities and working closely with conservancy leaders, traditional authorities, and local residents to reach even isolated households. Every vaccination contributes to reducing rabies transmission, while every conversation with community members provides an opportunity to raise awareness about responsible pet ownership, the importance of achieving high vaccination coverage, and what to do following an animal bite.

Collaboration with local and national authorities is fundamental to our success. Since the programme was launched in 2019, CCF has maintained close communication with the Okakarara State Veterinary Office and, since 2023, has worked in close partnership with them to strengthen rabies control efforts across the region. In September 2025, this collaboration enabled the State Veterinary Office to vaccinate nearly 1,000 animals in communities surrounding Okakarara. In turn, this allowed the CCF team to extend its reach into more remote communal areas, vaccinating more than 2,400 animals that year. In 2026, CCF has vaccinated more than 2,000 animals so far, with two additional field trips scheduled for the remainder of the year.



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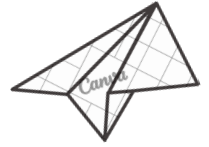
CCF's efforts have also increasingly been recognised at the national level. Since 2024, CCF has been invited to participate in the National Rabies and Transboundary Animal Diseases (TADs) Project Annual Review and Planning Meeting, which brings together stakeholders to review progress, challenges, and priorities for rabies control in Namibia. CCF's participation highlights the role that non-governmental organisations can play alongside national veterinary services and other stakeholders. Importantly, CCF's vaccination data are fed directly into Namibia's national rabies database and contribute to the country's national rabies reporting.

Since the programme began in 2019, CCF has administered more than 13,000 rabies vaccinations to dogs and cats, demonstrating its commitment to Namibia's efforts of eliminating the country's dog-mediated rabies. This commitment is mirrored by increased trust and engagement of local communities. Some of the most rewarding moments for the field team are the interactions with the community members: seeing the smiles on people's faces and witnessing their eagerness to have their dogs vaccinated, even if that means walking long distances to bring their animals or making several trips.

Education is an essential part of CCF's approach. Alongside the vaccination campaigns, CCF delivers community training through its Future Farmers of Africa (FFA) programme. These sessions provide practical guidance on livestock management, improving productivity, and reducing human-wildlife conflict. Since 2024, they also include rabies awareness together with information on other important animal health topics such as canine distemper, canine parvovirus, routine livestock vaccination, tick control, hoof care, parasite management, and recognising toxic plant poisoning. In 2026, key outreach staff members earned the Rabies Educator Certificate and Community Coordinator for Rabies Certificate, strengthening CCF's technical capacity in rabies prevention and community engagement.



CCF'S ONE HEALTH PROGRAMME: PROTECTING COMMUNITIES THROUGH RABIES PREVENTION



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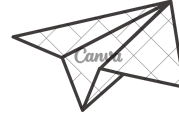
In recognition of the sustained impact of its rabies programme, CCF was officially recognised by the Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC) as a Rabies Centre of Excellence in July 2026. This recognition reflects years of commitment to rabies vaccination, community engagement, staff development, and collaboration with Namibian authorities.

In 2026, CCF expanded its school outreach programme to include rabies education. By incorporating age-appropriate rabies awareness into school visits, CCF aims to empower children to become ambassadors for responsible animal ownership and disease prevention within their families and communities. CCF was also able to integrate the children's rabies education booklets developed by the Veterinary Association of Namibia (VAN) into its education activities during rabies vaccination campaigns since mid-2026. These booklets have helped sensitise children in the rural communities. We are grateful for VAN's support and look forward to further opportunities to work together with VAN and other veterinary partners to promote rabies prevention across Namibia.



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