

Training Workshop on Animal Disease Testing and Quarantine Management

The Veterinary Public Health and Biosecurity section under PABD of BFDA, organized training workshop on animal disease testing and quarantine management from September 2-6, 2024, at Ga-Den Hotel, Gelephu. The workshop was designed to enhance the competencies of participants from various BFDA field offices. Sessions were led by experts from the National Veterinary Hospital, National Center for Animal Health, National Food Testing Laboratories, and the Dzongkhag Livestock sector of Trashigang. The training covered both global and national approaches to animal disease control, including techniques for sample collection and diagnostic methods such as rapid testing kits. Participants took part in interactive discussions and practical exercises, including a hands-on training session at the Regional Veterinary Hospital & Epidemiology Center, Gelephu.

The workshop successfully improved the knowledge and competencies of BFDA officials in managing animal quarantine and disease testing. It fostered greater self-sufficiency in handling quarantined animals and implementing effective disease surveillance. Key outcomes included enhanced proficiency in sampling and diagnostic procedures and a clearer understanding of roles and responsibilities for BFDA inspectors. Additionally, the workshop discussed field challenges such as HR shortages and logistical issues, underscoring a strong commitment to advancing animal biosecurity and disease management practices in Bhutan.

