

## ACTIVITY REPORT

**Course title:** Best Practices in Small Animal Clinics

**Nature and activity area:** Training and capacity building (Animal welfare)

**Course duration:** from 28.10.2017 to 01.11.2017

**Number of delegates:** 15

### **Background**

In 2015 Sudanese parliament ratified the animal welfare act which constituted a mile stone in mainstreaming the animal welfare in Sudan. Few months ago the government of Sudan adopted the National Animal Welfare Strategy and Action Plan (2017- 2022).

One of the main objectives of this strategy is to enhance animal welfare education, training, research and capacity building for all key stakeholders.

Small animal practice in Sudan constitutes a minor field which is unfortunately have not been considered enough in the strategy.

This activity is designed to be a part of serial activities to fill the gap in the field of small animal practice.

**Activity objective:** The course was designed to create better understanding about the essential elements required for humane veterinary practice in the field of small animals.

### **Expected results:**

1. To illustrate the link between animal welfare and proper veterinary service
2. To build a group of academics and professionals to promote animal welfare issues in the field.
3. To create better understanding about the role and functions of the veterinarians and other staff in small animal clinics.

### **Acquired results:**

1. The delegates have gained reasonable knowledge and clear understanding about the basic principles of animal welfare and veterinary ethics and how to apply them on their daily practice.
2. The delegates have successfully created better analysis about the negative impact of poor animal welfare on both animals humans.
3. The establishment of the animal welfare forum which is initiated by the delegates.
4. The addition of a new nine members to the ACVC.

### **The delegates**

Fifteen delegates were attended this course who represent the following institutions:

1. The Ministry of Animal Recourses Ranges and Fisheries
2. The Sudanese Veterinary Council
3. Faculty of Veterinary Medicine- Sudan University of Science and Technology
4. Faculty of Animal production- Sudan University of Science and Technology
5. Faculty of Veterinary Medicine- University of Khartoum
6. College of veterinary Medicine- University of Bahri
7. Faculty of Animal Production- University of Bahri
8. The Sudanese Society of the Protection of Veterinary Profession (NGO)

### **Course organizers and course content**

The course was organized in a partnership between ACVC , the Deanship of Scientific Research and Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in Sudan University of Science and Technology. Number of academics and professionals who belong to British Academic institutions such as Education- University of Edinburgh and School of veterinary Medicine- University of Surrey were participated in teaching this course and the course was designed to cover the following topics:

1. Veterinary ethics and animal welfare principles
2. Introduction to husbandry and handling
3. Ways of small animals restrain
4. Elements of good diagnosis and post treatment follow up
5. The differentiation between sick, neglected and abused animals
6. The role of the veterinarian, veterinary nurse and other staff members in the clinic
7. Best policies and protocols that followed in small animal clinics
8. Critical issues on raising dogs and cats
9. Neutering and other routine surgeries
10. Methods and strategies in stray animals population management

### **Teaching participants:**

The course was taught by a number of academics and practitioners from Sudan and the UK by using recorded presentations and organizing conference meeting at the end of each presentation for questions and discussion, and the presentations were recorded by:

1. **Dr. Ammar Ibrahim:** African Centre for Veterinary consulting, part time assistant professor in College of veterinary Medicine- University of Bahri.
2. **Dr. Selma Abu-Bakr:** Veterinary surgeon- African Centre for Veterinary Consulting, part time lecturer at College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Bahri.
3. **Dr Heather J. Bacon:** BSc (Hons) BVSc CertZooMed MRCVS, Advanced Practitioner Zoological Medicine, Jeanne Marchig International Centre for Animal Welfare Education- University of Edinburgh

4. **Ms. Jes Davies:** RVN, Jeanne Marchig International Centre for Animal Welfare Education, University of Edinburgh.

5. **Hayley Walters:** RVN, Welfare and Anaesthesia Veterinary Nurse, The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, The Jeanne Marchig International Centre for Animal Welfare Education- The University of Edinburgh.

6. **Dr. Karen Hiestand:** BVSc, BSc, MSc, MA, MRCVS, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Surrey.

7. **Dr. Kate Shervell:** veterinary Surgeon, Rabies mission

8. **Mr. Ian McFarlin:** RVN, Centre Manager, Malta SPCA.

9. **Miss. Anna M Schuman:** RVN, BSc (Hon)

**Future plans and follow-up:**

In response to the delegates suggestions, ACVC is preparing for the following activities :

- 1- Re- organizing the same course and targeting a higher number of delegates.
- 2- Initiating an animal welfare forum through social media and public meetings that targeting different demographic groups.





