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Increasing Access to Rabies Vaccinations in Remote Northern Communities

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WEBINAR

Time ET	Topic	Speaker
11:00-11:15 a.m.	Welcome & Introductions	Dr. Catherine Filejski, CAHI
11:15-11:30 a.m.	Veterinarians Without Borders: Overview This presentation will introduce the vision and mission of Veterinarians without Borders / Vétérinaires sans Frontières — Canada, provide an overview of our activities to date in northern Canada, and summarize the results of surveys carried out to map access to veterinary services in the north. Moving forward, our organization envisions a role for facilitating communication between relevant stakeholder groups and supporting the development of a community animal health worker training and certification program that incorporates a One Health approach.	Dr. Jolene Giacinti, VWB/VSF
11:30-11:45 a.m.	Closing the gap in animal and public health outcomes for Canada's remote northern Indigenous communities: Challenges and opportunities for the veterinary and animal health sectors This presentation will examine how rabies prevention and control can be improved by increasing access to rabies vaccinations for dogs in remote Indigenous communities. It will provide an overview of how current federal regulations allow remote communities to access rabies vaccines, and how the Canadian animal health industry and vaccine manufacturers are working with indigenous communities and federal regulators to increase this access. • Video presentation – Access in Action: Cross Lake, MB	Dr. Catherine Filejski, CAHI
11:45-12:00 p.m.	Manitoba Lay Vaccinator Working Group This presentation will focus on the creation of the Manitoba Lay Vaccinator Working Group, a group composed of animal welfare organizations, governing bodies, veterinary community members, and community representation. The presentation will introduce group objectives, membership, identified challenges and ways forward for the development of a nationally recognized lay vaccinator program. Through community-based, lay vaccinator programming we hope to develop sustainable and participatory veterinary services in remote communities in Manitoba and across Canada.	Valli Fraser-Celin, Winnipeg Humane Society
12:00-12:05 p.m.	Next Steps & Closing Remarks	Joint
12:05-12:30 p.m.	Q&A with Participants	All





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WORKSHOP

This workshop is for Indigenous, Territorial government and community representatives, veterinary registrars and animal health service providers in the Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut to exchange information on the impact of, and control of, rabies in northern communities and explore mechanisms for improving access to canine rabies vaccinations through enhanced lay vaccinator training and certification.

Time ET	Topic	Speaker
2:00- 2:05 p.m.	Introduction & Objectives	Charmaine Brett-Mills, Executive Director, VWB/VSF
2:05- 2:15 p.m.	Prayer & Land Acknowledgement	All
2:15- 3:00 p.m.	Overview of systems in place for rabies vaccination by non-DVMs in Yukon, NWT and Nunavut	tba
3:00- 4:00 p.m.	Breakout Rooms to discuss: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the current situation with regards to the impact and control of rabies and vaccination delivery (and associated training) in Yukon, NWT and Nunavut? What are the current opportunities and challenges? 2. Reflecting on the information presented in the webinar, what do you see as the potential integration of lay vaccinator delivery and training programs into your current systems. What are the advantages and/or disadvantages to this? Are there any regulatory barriers to making this widespread? 3. How do you feel about lay vaccinators or community animal health workers taking on a (greater) role in northern communities? What services would you like them to provide within these communities? 	Facilitator: Sherry Lovely, Momentum Training Services
4:00- 4:15 p.m.	Break	
4:15- 4:35 p.m.	Report back by designated participant Facilitated discussion on key takeaways and potential actions from breakout rooms	Facilitator: Sherry Lovely, Momentum Training Services
4:35- 4:45 p.m.	Discussion	All
4:55- 5:00 p.m.	Next Steps & Closing Remarks	Dr. Dale Smith, VWB/VSF





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WEBINAR SPEAKERS



Dr. Catherine Filejski
President & CEO, Canadian
Animal Health Institute

Dr. Catherine Filejski joined the Canadian Animal Health Institute (CAHI) in 2019, following an 11-year stint as Public Health Veterinarian in the Ontario Ministry of Health, where she oversaw a large-scale dog population management pilot project in the Weeneebayko Area Health Authority's remote northern communities over two years. Catherine is a former Co-Chair of the Canadian Rabies Committee, current Chair of the Ontario Rabies Advisory Committee, and a Canadian Director on the Rabies in the Americas International Steering Committee. With her extensive background in veterinary public health, she remains deeply committed to finding innovative approaches to improving health outcomes for Canada's Indigenous communities and their animals.



Dr. Jolene Giacinti
Veterinarians without Borders –
Canada

Dr. Jolene Giacinti is a member of the Veterinarians without Borders / Vétérinaires sans Frontières (VWB/VSF) — Canada Board of Directors and the co-chair of the Northern Canada Program Sub-Committee. Jolene is a veterinarian and researcher working at the intersection of animal, human, and environmental interaction. She also has experience working in clinical practice, government, and with the World Health Organization where she co-authored a publication on the current status of global data on human rabies transmitted by dogs. Throughout her career she has continued to volunteer with local and international organizations that seek to improve access to veterinary care for underserved populations.



Valli Fraser-Celin, PhD
Remote Community Liaison at
the Winnipeg Humane Society

Valli works on dog population management strategies in remote communities in Manitoba and has a PhD in Geography from the University of Guelph and completed a postdoc in Community Health Sciences from the University of Calgary, which focused on One Health, reconciliation, and dogs in Indigenous communities in Canada. Valli views veterinary services as an essential social service in underserved communities and as part of the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action for improved health services in Indigenous communities.

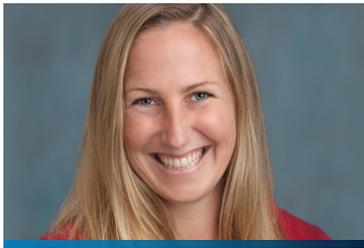




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WORKSHOP FACILITATORS



Charmaine Brett-Mills

Executive Director at Veterinarians without Borders – Canada

Bringing more than twenty years of expertise and experience in international humanitarian relief and development, Charmaine has lived and worked for more than 10 years in Africa, Asia, Haiti, and the Middle East with leading humanitarian organizations such as Doctors Without Borders, Medical Emergency Relief International, and Habitat for Humanity. With these organizations she has developed sustainable programming and responding to numerous natural and man-made emergencies. In addition, Charmaine has spent approximately seven years as Program Officer for the Disaster Relief and Recovery domain at the Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies. Immediately prior to joining the Philanthropies, Charmaine worked as Head of Programs with Action Against Hunger, where she was responsible for the strategic program leadership and overall management in Pakistan, Cambodia, and Nigeria. She also holds an honor's degree in international development studies from Trent University in Canada, and she has worked as an educator in South Korea and Taiwan.



Dr. Dale Smith

Veterinarians without Borders Canada

Dale is a veterinarian and a retired faculty member from the Department of Pathobiology, of the Ontario Veterinary College at the University of Guelph in Guelph Ontario. Her career focus was on pathology and diseases of non-domestic species, including free-ranging and captive wildlife and non-traditional pets. She has lived and worked in Africa, Australia, and the USA. Dr. Smith was one of the founding members of VWB/VSF — Canada and has been on the Board of Directors since 2015. She is currently Chair of the Program Committee and co-chair of the Northern Canada Program Sub-Committee.



Sherry Lovely

Independent Consultant for Momentum Training Services

Sherry's value as a facilitator and professional development coach is supported by over 20 years of experience working with senior government officials in the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) in Yellowknife NT. Sherry employs her facilitation and coaching skills with a variety of tools and assessments to develop individual and team leadership competency. She is a certified facilitator with Intersol Group and holds certifications for the delivery of Emotional Intelligence (EQ), with Multiple Health Services and Myers-Briggs Personality Indicator Type (MBTI) Steps I and II with Psychometrics Canada. Sherry has completed Dialectic Behavior Therapy (DBT) training with Alberta Health Services and is in the application process to be recognized by the International Coaching Federation for her Professional Certified Coach (PCC) Credentials. After having spent more than half of her life living in Yellowknife, NT, Sherry, her husband and two teenagers relocated to Edmonton, AB in 2018.

