

1 ZOOBOTIC AND VECTOR-BORNE DISEASES

b Rabies

No cases of human rabies have been confirmed in South Africa for 2017 to date. Animal rabies cases continue to be reported from several locations in the country. During the month of February, several cases of rabies in bovines have been reported from the North West and Mpumalanga provinces (data source: ARC-OVI). Such cases are often associated with occurrence of rabies in jackals with spillover into cattle. In the Northern Cape Province, rabies was confirmed in a serval (also commonly known as "tierboskat"; data source: ARC-OVI). Several cases of rabies in domestic dogs, bovines and jackals have been reported in February from the south-eastern districts of KwaZulu Natal (KZN), bordering on Lesotho and the Eastern Cape (data source: APVL). A case of rabies in a dog was also reported

from Heatonville (KZN), located close to Empangeni on the eastern seaboard. Cases were also reported from the Eastern Cape, Province, respectively from Mtatha (dog) and Nyandeni (bovine).

For more information regarding prevention of human rabies cases through the application of rabies post-exposure prophylaxis, please visit the NICD website at www.nicd.ac.za

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