

JAMAICA VETERINARY BOARD

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WORLD VETERINARY DAY MESSAGE

Veterinarians around the globe join the World Veterinary Association,(WVA) and the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) in celebrating World Veterinary Day 2019. As Veterinarians we celebrate and invite the world to celebrate with us on the last Saturday in April of each year.



This year marks the twentieth year of our celebration and each year we seek to raise our publics' awareness of veterinary medicine, with a theme that reflects the period. The theme for 2019 – 2020 is “**The Value of Vaccination**”. In all medical practice, human and non-human, vaccination is considered the most important prophylactic in the arsenal of health care provision.

One of the important thresholds to be achieved in any successful vaccination programme is **herd immunity**. The value of this minimal but optimal level of protection in humans and animals cannot be underestimated and as a one health concept contributes significantly to the maintenance of disease free status, public health and food security.

Veterinarians have important roles to play in not only animal health and wellbeing but also in sustainable development and the realization of prosperity for producers of animals and animal products.

The Jamaica Veterinary Board through its regulation of veterinary professionals endorses and enforces the responsible use of vaccines and reminds the public that only registered veterinarians are authorized to administer or supervise the vaccination of any animal in Jamaica.

LET US HELP OUR 'ONE HEALTH' WORLD. Our patients would say; if they could talk. The best doctor in the world is a veterinarian. They can't ask their patients what's the matter, they've got just to know. Good veterinarians talk to animals. Great veterinarians hear them talk back. Thank you for making this world a fairer place for all animals.

The Jamaica Veterinary Board wishes all our colleagues a Happy World Veterinary Day!