

Animal Health Care in Pandemic

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In this pandemic situation not only human life is affected but also has its own consequences on animal health. It's the duty of each and every human to safeguard our livestock at least by some simple methods like providing water, food to animal as much as possible. Increasing COVID situation resulted into decreased milk production, which created economic crisis for our farmers. As COVID entered into rural areas some farmers were supposed to be admitted in hospital. So the whole and sole of family was fighting a virus. Today's young generation can help farmers by just providing enough grass, legumes, fodder.

India is one of the major country in livestock, milk, egg production. During the spread of bird flu there were some rumours regarding spread of it to humans. But as we eat boiled eggs which is made at 100 degree Celsius and also meat is boiled so there is no risk eating eggs and chicken.

How to take care of animals in this pandemic is the most frequently asked questions by farmers to veterinarian. This is because as the transportation means are not available to transport milk, fodder availability has lessened, Decrease production of milk due to various disease, no source of guidelines. One of the leading sector in India which is poultry has severe drop in its value after bird flu exposure and effect of pandemic.

We can do simple things to make availability of fodder. We can provide legumes, cereals, pulses. If possible provide water mixed groundnut, jaggery mixture to cure anemia. Add digestive protein powder and feed it with water. Provide water which is free from any source of contamination. For Poultry feed them with maize, wheat churn. Add little fish flesh from lakes, ponds can also work.

What is the role of Veterinarian in pandemic? Veterinarian has served rural farmers day and night in the pandemic. Many farmers livelihood belongs to animal husbandry. Even manure used by farmers is a by product of animal husbandry which boost their financial conditions. Many Veterinarian hospital, laboratories, Rescue centres were permitted for COVID patients. This is the situation where farmers need a veterinary most. Use of leguminous and non leguminous plants which are available in farms should be used. If possible early silage preparation should be done.

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