

## Defending Animal Welfare

Protecting animals through well-enforced laws and regulations

- Animal health is a vital component of animal welfare.

All animals need protection and it requires being able to control the conditions in which animals are raised, transported and harvested. Veterinary Services are the best qualified community to develop legislation on animal welfare and ensure that it is enforced in the field on a daily basis.



## Conserving Animal Species

Safeguarding and protecting wildlife.

- Conduct Disease surveillance in wildlife. This programme needs to be as stringent as the surveillances and control of diseases in domestic animals, since the exchange of pathogens between these two populations is increasing throughout the world. Protecting the health of wildlife helps to conserve biodiversity while at the same time avoiding the transmission of diseases to domestic animals and humans.



## Veterinary Services Division MANDATE

- Keeping exotic diseases out of Jamaica
- Safeguarding the Livestock Industry
- Facilitating Trade
- Improving Public Health
- Enhancing Food Safety
- Promoting Animal Welfare

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## Safeguard Public Health

Tracking animal diseases transmissible to humans

- There is a direct link between public health and the work of Veterinary Services in protecting animal health, since by eliminating the pathogens that cause diseases in animals one can prevent subsequent emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases in humans. At the same time this ensures an adequate supply of good quality, safe food for all.



## Ensure Food Safety

Protecting consumers from food-related health risks.

- Veterinary Services operate from the farm to the fork, in other words during production at the farm, then during processing (at the abattoir, dairy, etc.) and even during the transport and distribution of products.



## Promote Animal Production

Reducing losses caused by animal diseases.

- This demand will only be met if Veterinary Services can provide a suitable level of sanitary surveillance to cope with the complexity of the animal production systems.

It is estimated that more than 20% of animal production worldwide is lost as a result of disease. Greater support for the work of Veterinary Services would enable these losses to be considerably reduced.



## Ensure the Safety of World Trade in Products of Animal Origin

Protecting countries at their own borders.

- Decisions of his kind can impact heavily on the local, national or even regional economy, and have wide-ranging negative social repercussions. Veterinary Services play a vital role in ensuring the sanitary status for trade by supervising and protecting animal production and issuing the sanitary certificates that accompany exports.

