

CAWSEL 2014 TESTIMONIAL

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"I participated in the course on Animal Welfare Science, Ethics and Law (CAWSEL 2014) at St Catharine's College, Cambridge, UK, from 7-19 September 2014. The benefits of CAWSEL 2014 have had positive impacts in my professional work, as a veterinary surgeon in Ghana. On my return to Ghana after CAWSEL 2014, I implemented the following activities on animal welfare:

- (i) Facilitated and assisted in the organization of World Animal Day with the Ghana Veterinary Medical Association in Takoradi on 4th October 2014.
- (ii) Organized a children's walk for animals at the Emperor Academy, Ghana, on the World Animal Day on 4th October 2014 and 4th October 2015.
- (iii) Organized a one day seminar for 84 participants on 11th November 2014 at the Veterinary Services Directorate of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Accra. The seminar was financially supported by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, UK.
- (iv) Organized a one –day seminar on 13th December 2014 for butchers, animal handlers on humane slaughter of animals at the Kumasi Abattoir Company Ltd, the largest abattoir in Ghana.
- (v) Wrote an abstract on "Review of the transportation system affecting animal welfare during transport of live animals to slaughter houses in Ghana", which was accepted for presentation at HAS symposium in Croatia in July 2015
- (vi) Teaching part-time lectures on "Animal Management" at the University of Ghana, School of Veterinary Medicine from August 2015 to present. The course structures on animal management are similar to the topics in course of CAWSEL 2014. For many of the lectures, I often times, use the lecture notes (Power Point Presentations) from CAWSEL 2014, to teach the students.
- (vii) Facilitated the process of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture of the Republic of Ghana, in January 2016, to submit a letter of support in principle for the Universal Declaration on Animal Welfare to the World Animal Protection.

Apart from these, I have other plans of organizing activities on animal welfare.

I have successfully carried out the above activities on animal welfare because of my participation in CAWSEL 2014, in which I gained much insight into animal welfare science, ethics and law."