

Rabies certification workshops set

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Village travel starts in July. Wainwright will be visited 20-22 July and Anaktuvuk Pass 10-17 July. During these visits, routine vaccinations and surgeries will be performed.

A Rabies Vaccination Certification Workshop will be offered one day in each village to certify interested individuals to give vaccinations.

The veterinary clinic continues to average approximately 70 outpatient visits per month and nine surgeries. These visits include everything from physicals for health certificates to emergency trauma.

A preceptor/externship program was initiated in May of this year. The first student, Sharon Fitzpatrick, a senior in veterinary medicine, Purdue University, was in Barrow from May 11 through June 25. Dr. Horace "Skip" Jackson, Professor of Biochemistry, Purdue University, will be here from July 2 through July 24.

Elizabeth Nelson, a senior in veterinary medicine at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, will work with us from July 15 through Aug. 25. These individuals are of immense help and provide the latest in medical and surgical skills being taught. In exchange, we share with and give insight into less traditional roles in veterinary medicine, i.e., pub-



lic health.

That brings me to our last topic. Much concern still exists concerning the wood preservative, pentachlorophenol, used to treat the wood used in the utilidor system. All available data received to date was presented to the Inupiat Health Board on June 22.

This data reflects there is not a current health problem and that none is expected to arise. The fresh water sources and individuals receiving industrial exposure will continue to be routinely monitored. All information will be presented to the Inupiat Health Board.

What are the risks?

Leading Causes of Death

Heart Disease

Cancer

Motor Vehicle Accidents

Other Accidents

Stroke

Homicide

Suicide

Cirrhosis of Liver

Influenza/Pneumonia

Diabetes

Risk Factors

Smoking*, hypertension*, elevated blood cholesterol* (diet), lack of exercise, diabetes, stress

Smoking*, workplace carcinogens*, environmental carcinogens*, alcohol, diet

Alcohol*, no seat belts*, speed*, roadway design

Alcohol*, drug abuse*, smoking (fires), product design, handgun availability

Hypertension*, smoking*, elevated blood cholesterol*, stress

Stress*, handgun availability*, alcohol

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Alcohol*

Smoking*

Obesity*

*Major Risk Factor

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