Rat Lungworm Disease: Collaborative Efforts to Advance Research and Education

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At least 60 cases of rat lungworm disease (RLWD) have been documented in humans in Hawaii, most of them originating from the Puna district of Hawaii Island. While symptoms can be mild and flu-like, there have been many severe cases that have resulted in long-term disability and even death.

This presentation will provide:
• precautions to take to prevent RLWD
• an update on research and education efforts of the Hawaii Island RWLD Working Group
• information on the cost and impact of RWLD
• a discussion on the need for collaborative efforts by federal and state agencies toward research and education

Dr. Jarvi has been conducting genetic studies of infectious diseases in native Hawaiian birds for over 15 years and founded the Hawaii Island RLWD Working Group in 2011. Since then she has become one of the country’s foremost leaders on RLW research and education. The Working Group has developed a curriculum including an activity book for second grade students incorporating DOE science standards and has distributed over 8,000 books to the public.

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