## 24th Paravet Training and Graduation Ceremony in Herat

February 2nd, 2015, 16 new paravets graduated in Herat. It was the result of the $24^{\text {th }}$ Paravet course since the start of the Herat training centre in 1994. In the past twenty years, 403 paravets were successfully trained here, among whom were 17 female students.

In the $24^{\text {th }}$ training course, students from 11 provinces participated - from Faryab in the Southwest to Badakhshan in the Northeast. Funding of the paravet training was provided by the EU, thus enabling DCA to fill in the gaps in the animal health system in the large area covered by the EU project that DCA is currently implementing.

The course started in August 2014, with daily session in the morning and the afternoon. The students were trained in veterinary topics like Anatomy and Physiology, Bacteriology and Virology, Poultry, Reproduction, Pharmacology, Diagnosis Techniques, Clinical Diagnosis, Veterinary Extension and Animal Husbandry.


During the course, the paravet candidates were also trained in practice, by participating in veterinary work in a nearby clinic, in some villages, and in the field. They also visited a poultry farm and a store of veterinary vaccines and medicines.

The graduation ceremony was attended by representatives of the Herat governor and various government departments, as well as by representatives of some of our donors, and by all staff of DCA-VET in Herat. Several speakers praised the newly graduated Paravets, and stressed the importance of the paravet training course and the crucial role of Paravets in the animal health system in Afghanistan.


The Graduates of 2 February 2015

