



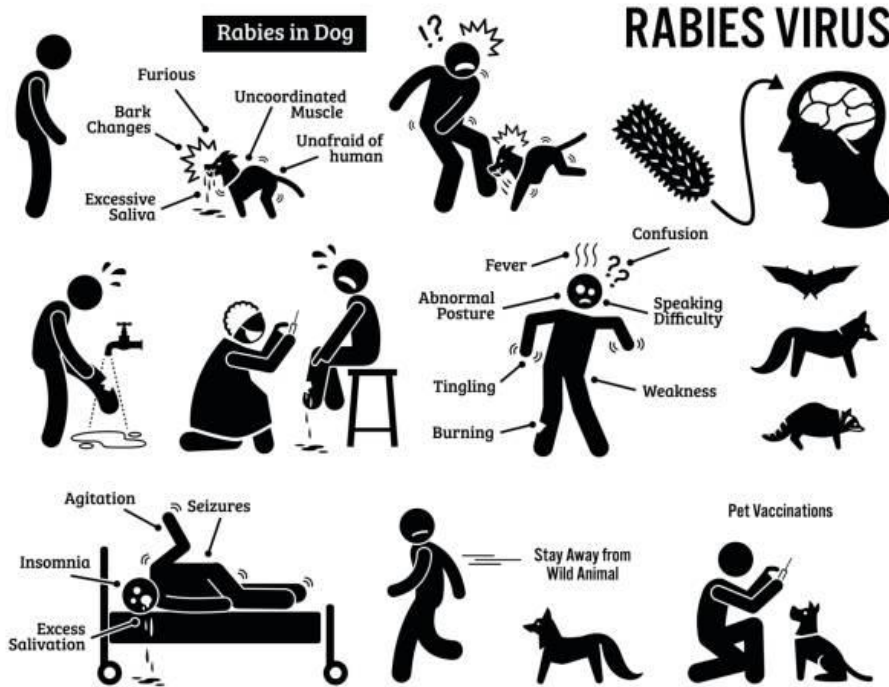
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Best Practices for Education on Rabies Control

Commemorating World Rabies Day 2023

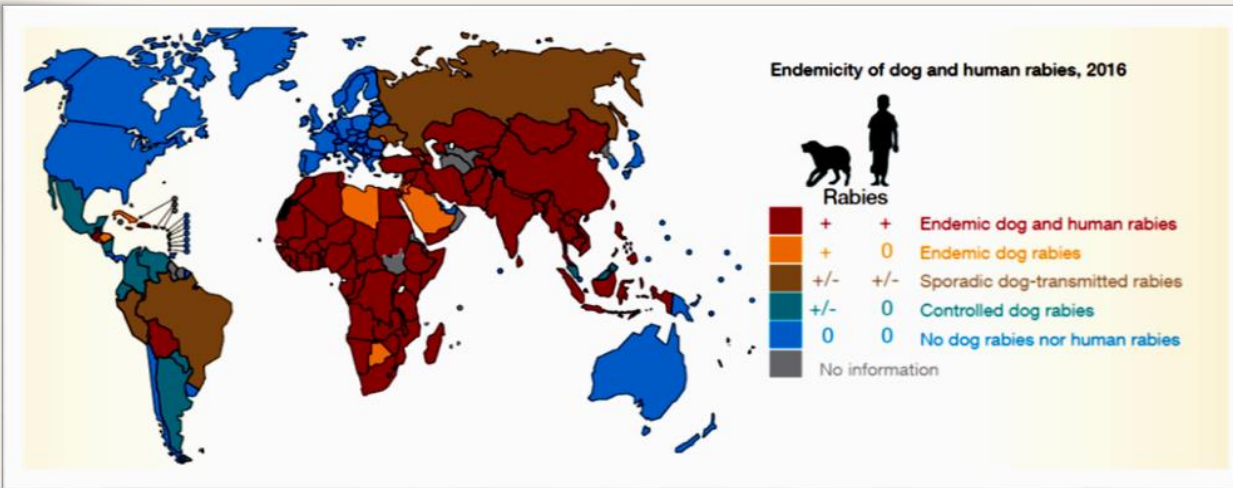
What is Rabies?



- Rabies is a neglected, under-reported zoonotic disease often affecting children and other socio-economically vulnerable groups.
- Rabies is 100% fatal but 100% preventable
- Rabies can affect all mammals
- Dogs are predominant carriers of rabies: 99% human rabies cases comes from infected dogs

Source: <https://www.istockphoto.com/vector/rabies-virus-in-human-and-animal-stick-figure-pictogram-icons-gm650996000-118238881>

Rabies burden across the world



Source: WHO/OIE

- **Asia and Africa contribute to *99%* of the world's rabies-related human deaths**
- **Special/focused attention required in Asia and Africa to combat rabies**



Why is rabies so prevalent in Asia and Africa?

High interface between unvaccinated dogs and humans

- **Number of street dogs:** Asia and Africa together constitute 2/3rd of the world's 200 million street dogs
- **Low public awareness:** related to low levels of education + myths around rabies abound
- **High prevalence of poverty:** people living in dense, low-income housing have high exposure to unvaccinated dogs

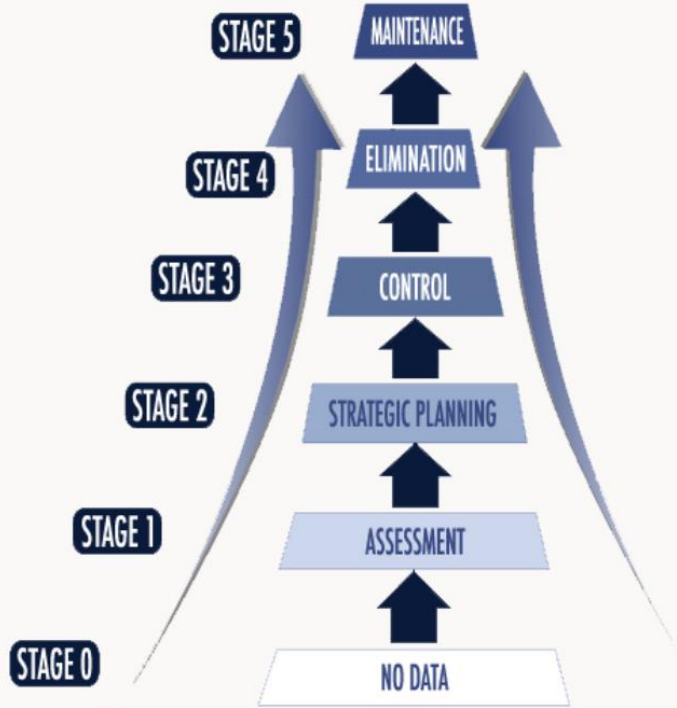


Why is rabies so prevalent in Asia and Africa?

Governance-related challenges:

- **Low priority:** Given the many issues governments in these countries have to deal with, rabies eradication is not a priority
- **Lack of resources:** Affordability and accessibility of anti-rabies vaccinations
- **Coordination challenges:** Large, complex, and strained bureaucratic structures lead to coordination challenges

COUNTRY FREE FROM DOG-TRANSMITTED RABIES



COUNTRY ENDEMIC FOR DOG-TRANSMITTED RABIES

What needs to happen

To transition from a country where rabies is endemic to a country free from rabies, several stages of work are required:

- **Data collection:** tracking dog bites, post-bite vaccinations, etc
- **Analysing & strategic planning:** identifying high burden areas and developing targeted interventions
- **Control & Elimination:** mass vaccinations; high-volume spay/neuter programs; responsible pet parenting; engaging & educating communities
- **Maintenance:** regular revaccinations; education

Source: GARC (<https://rabiesalliance.org/tools/planning-tools/sare>)



How we do it

Engaging & educating diverse stakeholders such as:

- **Government:** implementing spay/neuter programs; funding; infrastructure provision; policy on pet shops, breeding, etc;
- **Industry:** making vaccines easily available & affordable; ethical policy implementation
- **NGOs/AWOs:** implementation of effective spay/neuter & mass vaccination programs; community engagement; informing policy
- **Media:** disseminating rabies awareness via diverse media channels; sensitive reporting
- **Veterinarians:** prioritize anti-rabies vaccinations among all dogs; providing discounted/free vaccines to street dogs
- **Community:** tracking and reporting suspected rabies cases; ensuring vaccinations for community dogs; widening the reach of mass vaccination programs

Engaging & educating stakeholders

How we as an Animal Welfare Organisation engage & educate communities

Partnering with local government authorities

High-volume spay/neuter and vaccination

As entry point to communities



Complaints redressal

Towards understanding core community issues



Engaging & educating stakeholders

Community engagement modalities

Rabies awareness workshops

Raising awareness on rabies in communities



Dog behavior workshops

Raising awareness on dog behaviour in communities



Rabies Awareness Workshops



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Engaging & educating stakeholders

Information, Education, and Communication materials and resources

Posters and banners

Directory on street dog welfare

India's first-ever directory listing free or affordable resources for rabies vaccinations (humans & dogs)

HOSPITALS PROVIDING HUMAN ANTI-RABIES VACCINE

The Government hospitals listed below provide post-bite anti-rabies vaccines and treatment for humans free of cost.

#	NAME	ADDRESS	TIME
1	JANAKA HOSPITAL, MANANDY	PANIGATE ROAD, OPPOSITE SBI BANK, MANANDY, GULBURGA - 512001	9 AM TO 5 PM (MONDAY TO SATURDAY)
2	S.S. HOSPITAL, CHIKKAL	HEALTHY CROSS, CHIKKAL, KODAGU DISTRICT, KARNATAKA, INDIA	9 AM TO 5 PM (MONDAY TO SATURDAY)
3	EAST ZONE, KADAPUR HOSPITAL	BEHIND KADAPUR HOSPITAL, KADAPUR, KARNATAKA, INDIA	9 AM TO 5 PM (MONDAY TO SATURDAY)
4	NORTH ZONE, CHANNarayana HOSPITAL	CHANNarayana HOSPITAL, CHANNarayana, KARNATAKA, INDIA	9 AM TO 5 PM (MONDAY TO SATURDAY)
5	SOUTH ZONE, MANUJAPUR HOSPITAL	BEHIND KADAPUR HOSPITAL, MANUJAPUR, KARNATAKA, INDIA	9 AM TO 5 PM (MONDAY TO SATURDAY)
6	WEST ZONE, ATAL HOSPITAL	ATAL HOSPITAL, ATAL, KARNATAKA, INDIA	9 AM TO 5 PM (MONDAY TO SATURDAY)
7	GOTI HOSPITAL, CHIKKAL	CHIKKAL HOSPITAL, CHIKKAL, KARNATAKA, INDIA	9 AM TO 5 PM (MONDAY TO SATURDAY)

PRIVATE VETERINARIANS

#	NAME	ADDRESS	CONTACT TIME
1	DR. YADAV PILLAI	YADAV PILLAI, CHIKKAL, KARNATAKA, INDIA	9 AM TO 5 PM (MONDAY TO SATURDAY)
2	DR. SAGAR KREEMAN	CHIKKAL, KARNATAKA, INDIA	9 AM TO 5 PM (MONDAY TO SATURDAY)
3	DR. HANMANTH	BEHIND KADAPUR HOSPITAL, KADAPUR, KARNATAKA, INDIA	9 AM TO 5 PM (MONDAY TO SATURDAY)
4	DR. CHINMAYA	CHANNarayana, KARNATAKA, INDIA	9 AM TO 5 PM (MONDAY TO SATURDAY)
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Engaging & educating stakeholders

Public outreach via event celebrations

World Rabies Day



World Zoonoses Day



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Media outreach

Social media, Webinars, Podcasts, Radio interviews

Traditional media

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India alone accounts for 36 percent of the world's total deaths due to rabies,

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