

Rabies fact sheet

Did you know?

“ Rabies is a virus which affects the brain. It is passed through the saliva of an infected animal.



More than 99% of human rabies cases are caused by dog bites but other mammals such as cows, horses and cats can pass rabies to humans as well.



Unfortunately for us dogs, a lot of people are scared, and want to kill any dog they find, even if they don't have rabies.

Experts agree that this is **not** an answer to the problem.



If a dog gets rabies:

- It might start to look nervous and scared for two to three days.
- It will then become angry and will run away from light.
- It will start biting and snapping and have seizures. It might also drool a lot as it will find it difficult to swallow.

What we need to do is get as many dogs **vaccinated** against rabies as possible, including dogs that are owned by people. Some organisations give vaccinations for free. 🐾

Once these signs of rabies start to show, the dog will die. **There is no cure against rabies.**

If you come across a stray dog that looks like it's about to attack:

- Stand still like a tree with your arms by your sides.
- Look down and do not shout.
- If the dog does attacks you, cover your head and your neck with your arm, form a ball on the ground and wait for the dog to go away.

