

# WORLD RABIES DAY

September 28<sup>th</sup>



8 to 12-year olds



Organise your learners into teams of 4 or 5 and let them know that they are going to take part in an animal quiz (use the **Rabies quiz sheet**). If you have time, let them sit in teams and let them answer each question as a team, after conferring. If you don't have so much time, ask the whole class to vote for their answer to each question (there is a choice of 2 to 3 answers). Questions 2 and 9 are trick questions: all possible answers are right.



Discuss questions 7, 8 and 9 of the quiz with learners and get them to practise the poses that they need to take if they are approached by a dog. This can be done by playing the game **Safety first!** explained below.



**Safety first!** Explain to learners that you are going to call out particular phrases, and that they have to take the correct pose for each phrase, as quickly as possible. These poses represent aspects of dog and human body language. Watch carefully - learners are 'out' if they get it wrong. Play until you have a winner/s or until interest wanes.

## Humans poses:



You call out '**Strange dog comes close!**' – learners have to stand up straight, eyes at the floor, arms close to body, no moving.



You call out '**Dog attack!**' – learners have to curl up on the floor, arms protecting head, knees tucked into chest, stay still

## Dogs poses:

- ▶▶▶▶ You call out '**Happy dog!**' – learners have to stand loose and bouncy, their mouth is open, their tongue is out.
- ▶▶▶▶ You call out '**Fearful dog**' – learners have to place their hands flat on their head to mimic dog's ears back on their head, their head and body are lowered, looking up, their eyes wide and looking scared.
- ▶▶▶▶ You call out '**Aggressive dog**' – learners have their arms out to mimic fur, their teeth are bared, they frown and growl.

▶▶▶▶ Here is another type of game called **Rabid Dog**. This game is played like 'tag' or 'it'.

▶▶▶▶ One learner is the 'rabid dog'. The others run away and shout. The dog will 'bite' them (touch with their hand) if they can be caught before they can adopt the 'tree' pose and stay still.

▶▶▶▶ While they are still in these positions, the dog will ignore them. If they are caught while moving or shouting, they are out. Players can only stay still and be quiet for a maximum of three seconds. The winner is the last one not 'out'.

