



**Global
Alliance**
for
**Rabies
Control**

All about Rabies

Level 2



- Rabies is caused by a **virus**
- You can get rabies virus if an animal bites you, usually a dog
- Rabies can also be passed from animal to animal
- The rabies virus makes your body stop working



YOU can Stop Rabies!



These animals can get rabies:



Cattle



Horses

**They are all
mammals**



Dogs



Cats



Mongoose



Only mammals can get rabies.
Mammals are warm blooded animals,
with fur or hair and produce live young



These animals cannot get rabies:



Birds



Fish

They are not mammals.

They cannot give you rabies



Snake



Crocodile

Reptiles



How do animals and people get rabies?



Saliva

- through bites,
licking, scratching



Blood
Faeces
Urine

**You cannot get rabies just by touching
an animal with rabies**



If an animal with rabies bites you, the rabies virus can get into your body

The virus attacks the central nervous system

It makes your body stop working





If you think an animal has rabies, do not touch it or try to feed it



Tell an adult who can call an animal control officer to take care of the animal safely



Never disturb a dog that is:



Caring for puppies



Sleeping



Eating



Keep away from wildlife.

Don't encourage a wild animal to come up to you by feeding it.

It might seem tame and allow you to get close, but remember that this is not the way wild animals usually act. Something could be wrong.



Stay away

from animals that you do not know

Remember...

Stray animals may not be vaccinated against rabies



Stand still Keep quiet

If a dog comes close to you:

Keep your arms
down and your
hands folded



Imagine you
are a **tree**

Count in your head to
the highest number you
know, over and over again,
until the dog goes
away.

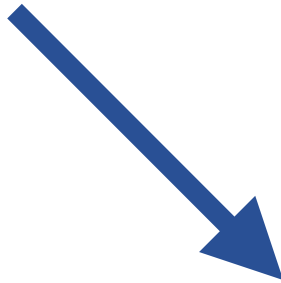
Look at
your feet



If a dog attacks you:

**Keep still
and quiet**

Curl up into a ball, with your head tucked in



Put your hands over the back of your neck



Imagine you are a **rock**



If you get bitten:



Immediately wash the wound really well with soap and lots of water



Tell an adult



See a doctor



You will be given medicine to make sure that you don't get rabies



The doctor will:



Clean the wound properly



Give you anti-rabies vaccinations

The vaccinations will help to stop the virus from attacking your body



It is important that you do everything the doctor says



If your pet is bitten:



Take your pet to a vet who will decide what is best for the animal



Stop Rabies!

- 1. Get your pet vaccinated**
- 2. Sterilise your pet**
- 3. Do not let your pet go wherever it likes**
- 4. Keep a lid on rubbish**
- 5. Get help to remove stray animals**



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Let's make rabies history!

