



Bite prevention and rabies awareness in school children

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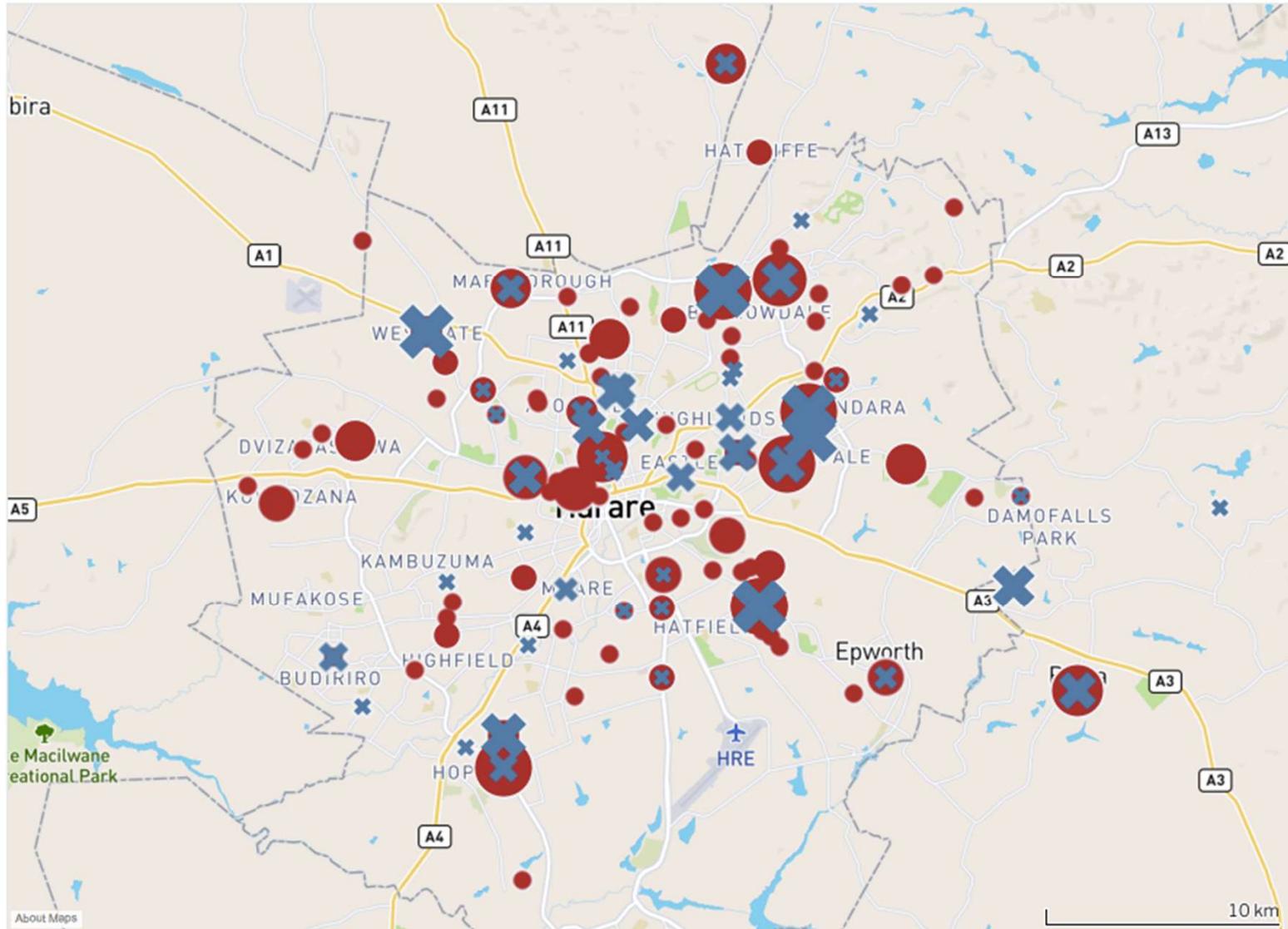
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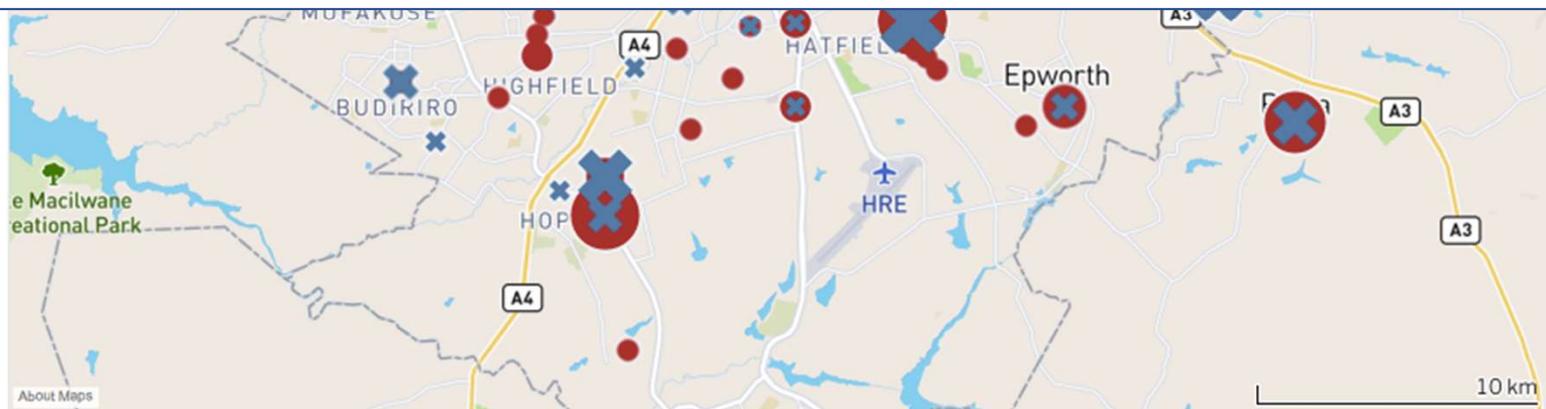
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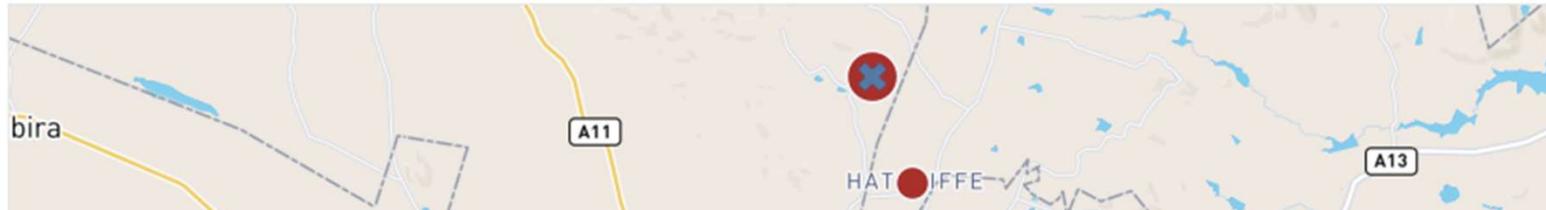
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302 / 364 (83%) of rabies-positive cases came from dogs



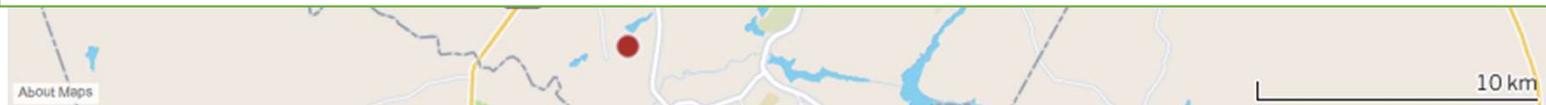
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$\pm 87\%$ of rabies-positive dogs were owned



however
On average there are
26000
dog bites occur annually



The problem

While mass vaccination of dogs are important...

Public education on bite-case prevention and responsible pet ownership is equally important.

These two can be combined into one activity



The solution

Educating while we are vaccinating

We are using mass dog vaccination events as an opportunity to educate children, young adults and adults

- **rabies,**
- **bite prevention**
- **and responsible pet ownership**



“Want a Friend, Be a Friend”



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DOGGIE LANGUAGE WHAT IS MY DOG TELLING ME?



ALERT



SUSPICIOUS



ANXIOUS



THREATENED



ANGRY



FRIENDLY



"NEED SPACE"
whale eye



"I'M YOUR LOVEBUG"
belly-rub pose

How kids SHOULD NOT interact with dogs

It's easy, just imagine how people should interact with one another

Avoid taking people's food.



Avoid bothering dogs when they are eating.

Avoid stealing other people's toys.



Avoid taking a dog's bones or toys.

Avoid putting your face right up to someone else's face.



Avoid putting your face right up to a dog's face.

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RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP

5 FREEDOMS

It is our responsibility to make sure each animal has:



**1. Healthy food
and clean water**



**2. Shelter
and comfort**



BALANCED DIET AND FRESH WATER

All animals, just like us, need a balanced diet with all the nutrients, vitamins and minerals, calcium, protein and all the essential goodness we find in our food.

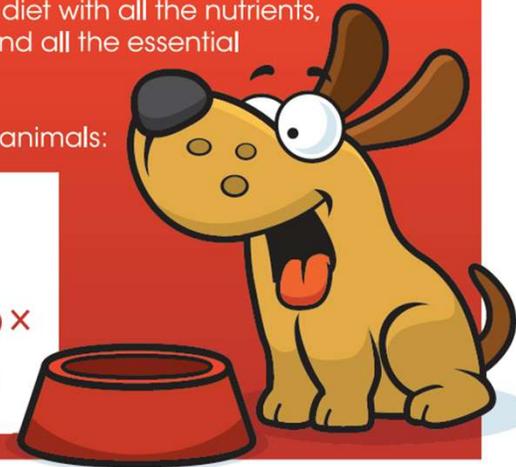
Foods we should and shouldn't feed our animals:

YES

Well-cooked meat ✓
Chicken ✓
Salmon ✓
Vegetables ✓
Fibre and cereals ✓
Sweet potatoes ✓

NO

Chocolate X
Grapes X
Onions X
Caffeine (coffee) X
Garlic X
Chewing gum X
Alcohol X



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RABIES

WHAT IS RABIES?

Rabies is a virus that affects only mammals and most commonly occurs in dogs. As the virus lives in saliva of infected mammals, it enters the body of healthy animals and people following bites or the licking of scratches and wounds. The virus causes death if left untreated.

We can prevent this killer disease by keeping our animals vaccinated against rabies.



Avoid bites.



Avoid picking up stray dogs.



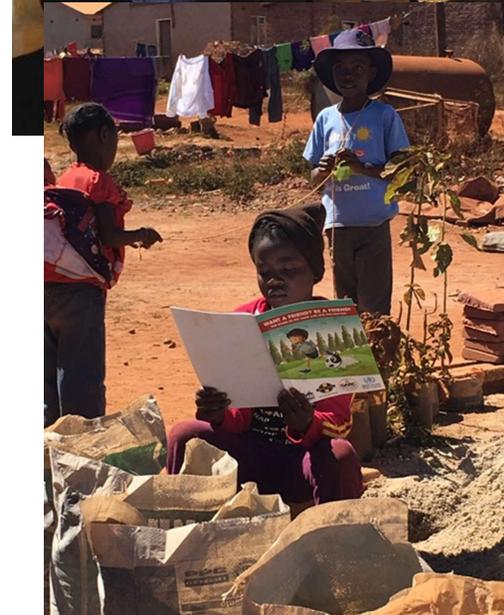
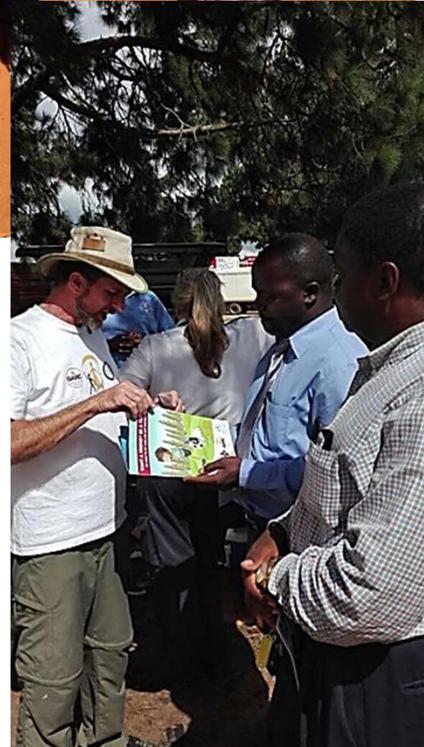
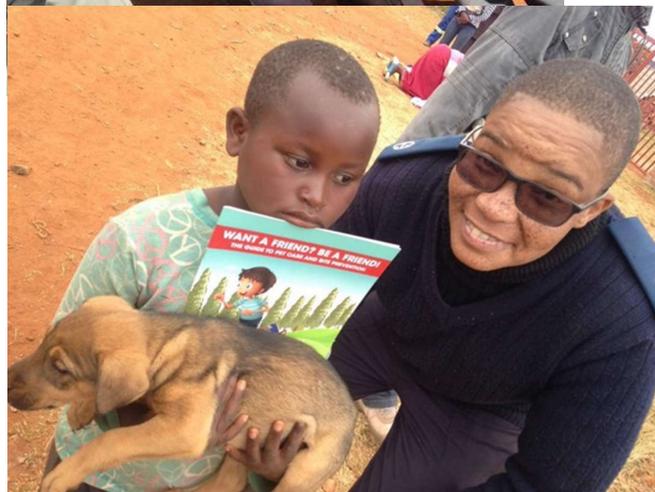
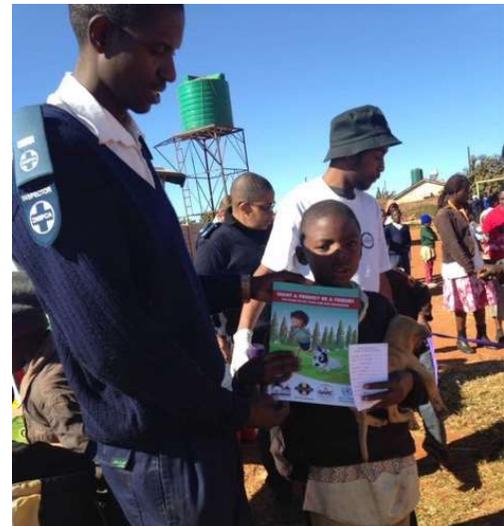
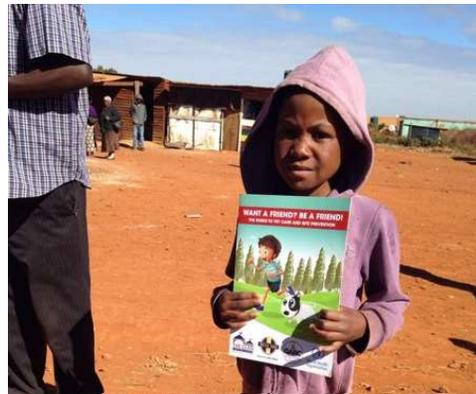
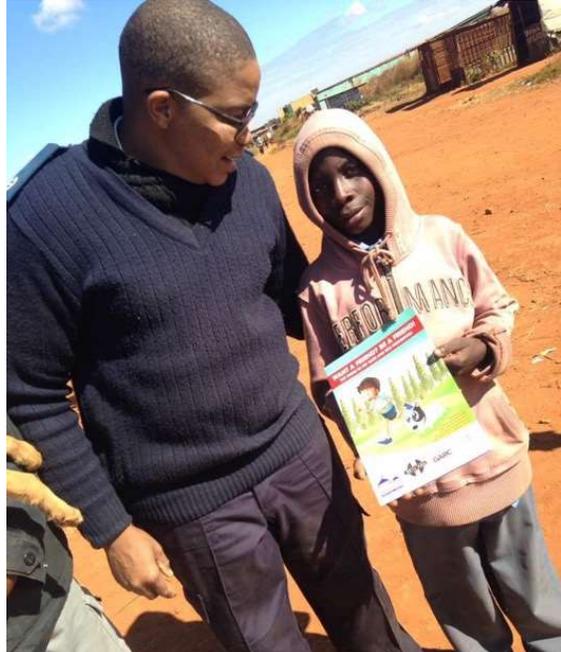
Avoid licks and scratches.

BITE PREVENTION

“Want a Friend, Be a Friend”

To date, more than 2,000 booklets have been donated to the children of Zimbabwe







Thank You



**Rabies: Share the message.
SAVE A LIFE.**

www.rabiesalliance.org/world-rabies-day

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