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Rabies

What is rabies?

Rabies is a zoonotic disease that infects the nervous system. It is caused by the Rabies virus. Currently there is no cure, but it is easily preventable with vaccination.





Rabies can be transmitted to humans by animal biting, scratching or licking an open wound.

Do you know... what the symptoms of an infected animal are?



EARLY PHASE

Symptoms last for 2–3 days, change in behaviour and habits, such as hiding in silence, irritability, dilated pupils, eating less.



EXCITED PHASE

Neurological symptoms. Excited, restless, aggression, biting everything, salivation, eating non-food objects like stones or branches. Some animals never go through this phase, but enter the paralysis phase straight after early symptoms.



PARALYSIS PHASE

Limb weakness, salivation, unable to balance, falling down and unable to get up, paralysis progresses quickly all over body, death.

Wash the wound with running clean water and mild soap for 10 minutes





Apply a disinfectant Dry the wound and apply a disinfectant such as betadine

Quarantine the dog to observe symptoms for 10 days





See a doctor for treatment and vaccination plan

Symptoms of Rabies in humans





EARLY PHASE

Fever, sore throat, headache, loss of appetite, body aches and chills, nausea, vomiting, restlessness.



NEUROLOGICAL PHASE

Confusion, restlessness, difficulty swallowing, fear of water, aggression. Patients may have seizures and paralysis.



FINAL PHASE

Respiratory failure, cardiac arrest, coma, death.

Stop rabies with 5 don'ts



DON'T TEASE the animal



DON'T STEP on the animal's tail, limbs – don't startle the animal



DON'T SPLIT dog fights with bare hands



DON'T TAKE AWAY dog's food or toy when in use



DON'T TOUCH puppies who are with their mom

Things to Know

RABIES IS PREVENTABLE

Be a Responsible Pet Owner!

- ✓ Have your dogs and cats vaccinated against RABIES at 3 months of age, and then every year thereafter
- ✓ Provide your pets with nutritious food, clean water, & exercise.
- ✓ Be sure to provide them with a clean and comfortable shelter.
- ✓ Do not let them roam freely in the streets. Keep your dog on a leash when going out. But do not keep your dog tied up all the time.

RABIES KILLS

What should you do when a Dog or Cat bites you?

- ✓ Immediately wash the wound with soap and running water for 15 minutes.
- ✓ Disinfect the wound with alcohol or iodine solution.
- ✓ Immediately consult a doctor or go to the nearest hospital clinic in your area.



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