

Day 1 • 27 September Awareness day on the welfare of Working Equids



Day 2 • 28 September Second Regional Workshop on stray dog population management - Rabies aspects, including World Rabies Day celebrations



Day 3 • 29 September Second Regional Workshop on stray dog population management - stray dog aspects

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Workshop on Rabies (day 2) Opening remarks

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Did you know?

Did you know that *Rabies is the deadliest disease on earth and you will have a 99.9% chance of dying if you do not get treatment immediately after getting infected*? Did you know that each year, *rabies kills nearly 60,000 people worldwide*? And that *one person dies of rabies somewhere around the world every ten minutes*?

Did you know that **Hundreds** of thousands of animals also die of *rabies every year*? This creates suffering for individual animals and for the families who depend on these animals as a source of livelihood.

Did you know that *in most countries with high numbers of deaths caused by rabies, the main animals likely to spread the disease are dogs*? Did you know that *many of the victims* of dog bites are children younger than 15 years of age? Children often play with animals (and may not understand when animals do not want to be disturbed) and are also less likely to report bites or scratches.

Did you know that it is *much more cost effective to vaccinate dogs than paying for PEP treatment after dog bites*? But

Did you also know that *killing dogs* does not prevent or control rabies? An estimated 20 million dogs are killed every year to try and control rabies, but it has little effect on controlling the disease.

Did you know that *the best way to control rabies is to vaccinate dogs regularly*?

Did you know that *sustainable vaccination of 70% of the at-risk dog population can help eliminate dog mediated rabies*? Did you finally know that *rabies kills every day and yet, dogmediated rabies cases in humans are 100% preventable* ?

OIE has several lines of actions to combat and eliminate rabies

Let's put rabies in the history books (as we did for Rinderpest)!

Thank you