

Tools for rabies control programmes

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Together, we can end all human deaths from dog-mediated rabies by 2030.

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News 25 June 2025 [Rabies Today Podcast](#)
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News 27 September 2024 [WHO's Science in 5: Rabies – Protect yourself and your pets](#)
Description What is rabies? How serious is it? How can you prevent rabies? Dr Bernadette Abela explains this and what you can do immediately after a bite in Science in 5 today.

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1. ‘Zero by 30: the Global Strategic Plan to end human deaths from dog-mediated rabies’ – **country centric**

2. United Against Rabies Forum

- Hosted by WOAH, on behalf of FAO, WHO, WOAH
- Network of 90+ organisations from 38 countries
- www.unitedagainstrabies.org

3. **Lots of tools and resources available**



1. Provides a framework with clear activities, roles and responsibilities
2. Brings together key stakeholders to contribute to rabies control in the country
3. Testifies government commitment to progressing toward **Zero by 30**

National Strategic Plan Library

National strategic plans are key tools for advocacy and for engaging and aligning stakeholders around rabies control and elimination efforts. The United Against Rabies Forum collates and shares publicly available national strategic plans to support global coordination and alignment with 'Zero by 30'.

Regional groupings are based on WOAH regions and subregions and are not intended to reflect political or territorial boundaries.

The absence of a country in this listing does not necessarily indicate that no national strategic plan exists, but rather that no publicly accessible version is currently available for linking. Countries are encouraged to make their national strategic plans publicly available and may contact the United Against Rabies Forum for support in doing so.

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+ Americas

+ Asia and the Pacific



A generic template for developing a national strategic plan to eliminate rabies

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Mapping and connecting stakeholders



UAR Forum members activities

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Animal and Plant Health Agency, Department for E	Institut Pasteur du Cambodge
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Rese	Institut Pasteur, France
Central Bicol State University of Agriculture (CBSU)	Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory
Centre for Climate Change and Food Security (CC	Mbwa Wa Africa Animal Rescue
CreIndia, Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati	Mission Rabies
Department of Veterinary and Pest Control Service	Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
Disease Investigation Farm/Regional Laboratory, B	Research Institute for Tropical Medicine, Philippine
Echbee Vet Ventures	Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (STPH)
Federal Research Institute for Animal Health: Fried	The BIG FIX Uganda
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Na	University of Missouri

List of countries

Country	Activity Category short	Activity Category levels
Angola	07 - Surveillance	Local
Australia	09 - National Planning	N/A
Bangladesh	06 - Training	National
Burkina Faso	07 - Surveillance	Sub-national
Benin	08 - Diagnostic	N/A
Bolivia	Angola	N/A
	10 - Financial support	N/A
	04 - Education	National
	05 - Rabies awareness	National

The Scientific Watch Bulletin on Rabies is a monthly collation of scientific literature on rabies.

This monitoring work is carried out with the contribution of Sophie Marchal-Mauer, ANSES (Nancy Rabies and Wildlife Laboratory), France.



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VACCINATE YOUR CAT



Landscaping of Resource Partners for Rabies in [Country] – Template

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Communication, education, and advocacy

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Public Information Toolkit for Rabies Prevention

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Home > Resources: Courses and Training

Courses & Training

Want to learn more about rabies? Here are some courses to help you.

Rabies & One Health: From basics to cross-sectoral action to stop human rabies deaths

Produced By: Open WHO

This free online learning course provides an excellent introduction to rabies and the One Health approach taken to prevent it. The course is self-guided and can be taken at any time.

Rabies Educator Certificate

Produced By: Global Alliance for Rabies Control

This free course provides people with the knowledge and skills to teach their communities about rabies, how it is caused, and how it can be prevented and even eliminated.

Implementing Dog Population Management (DPM)

Produced By: ICAM

The course outlines the structure and process for designing an effective and sustainable DPM system, guidelines for DPM monitoring and evaluation, as well as decision-making scenarios and a toolkit of methods that support an ongoing cycle of adaptation of DPM interventions and the system as a whole.

Dog Behaviour and Handling

Produced By: Worldwide Veterinary Service

This course will guide you through an introduction to canine behaviour, before moving on to practical advice on minimising stress, and humane handling techniques for clinic and field locations.



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Minimum Data Elements for Monitoring and Evaluation of National and International Rabies Control Programs.
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1. WOAH Terrestrial Code and Manual
2. WOAH Rabies Reference Laboratories for Rabies – RABL
3. Minimum Data Elements
 - Compiles recommended data countries should collect across animal and human health
4. Guidance on use of lateral flow devices
 - Upcoming webinar Wednesday 10 December 2025



Scaling up dog vaccination



Toolbox

From vaccination to education, we present a comprehensive online toolbox of guides, apps and other resources to help you plan, prioritise and implement your rabies control programmes.

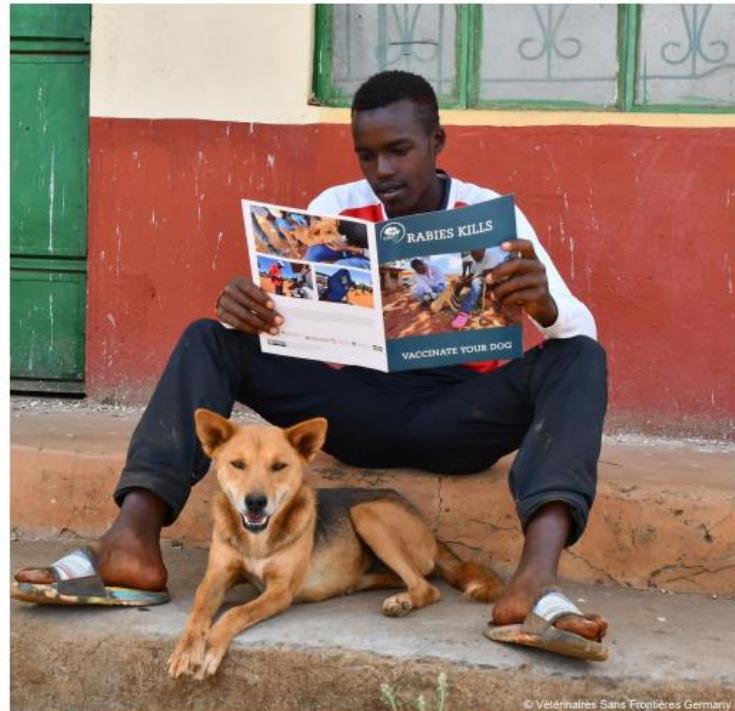
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Oral vaccination of dogs against rabies

Recommendations for field application and integration into dog rabies control programmes



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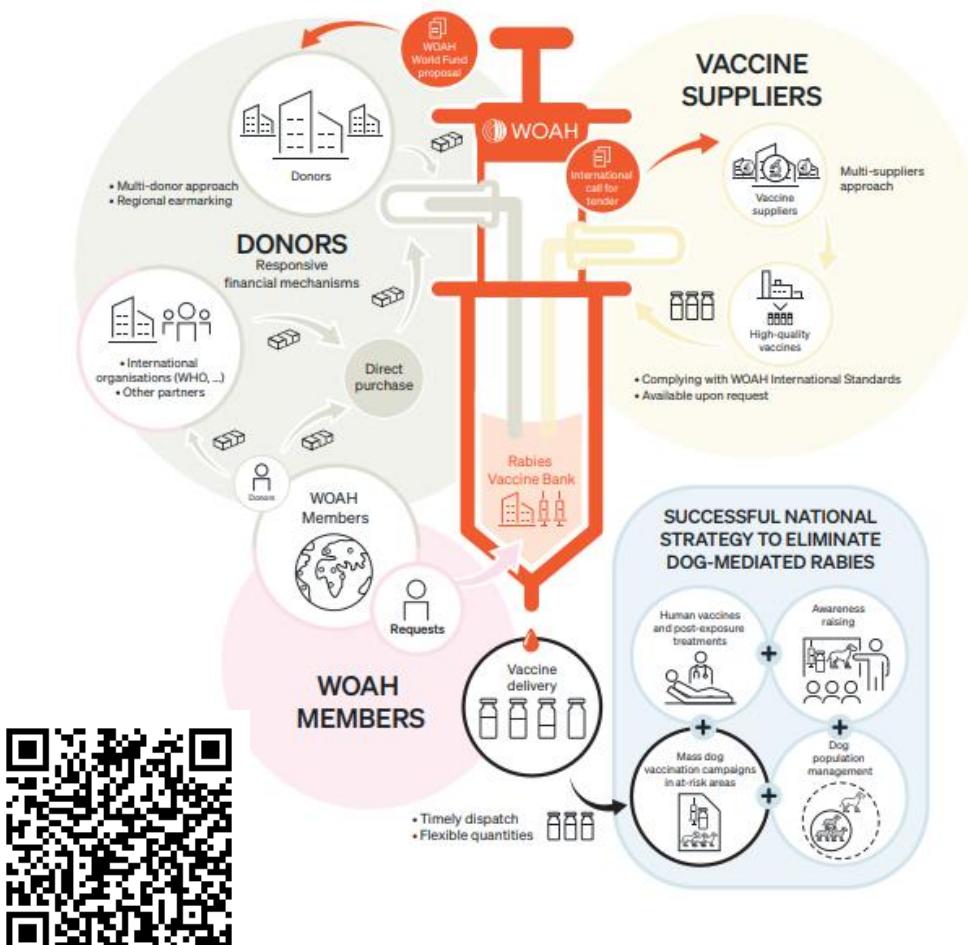


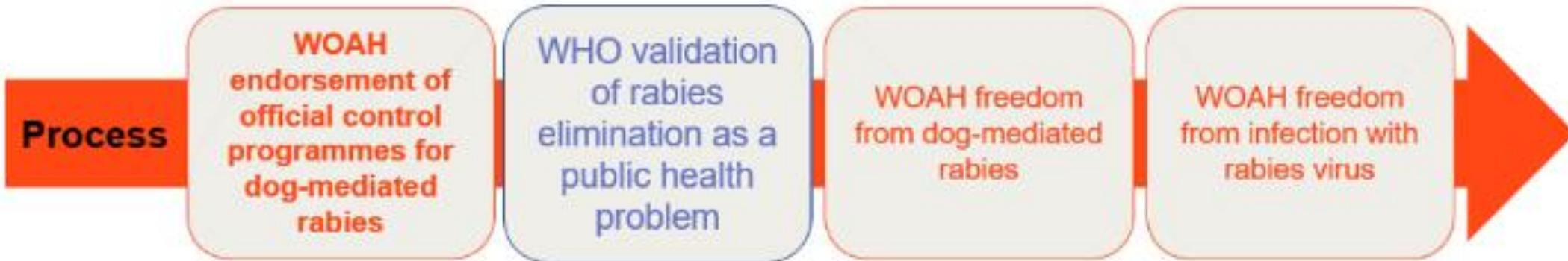
- **Catalyst** for countries to design and implement national rabies elimination strategies – voluntary mechanism for WOAH Members
- Facilitates rapid access to **high-quality dog vaccines** for a **fixed low cost**
- 2 suppliers selected through international calls for tender
- Purchased through:
 - National budget
 - Third parties working closely with countries to implement rabies control and elimination activities
 - Donors/investors

CANINE RABIES VACCINES TO SAVE HUMAN LIVES

RABIES kills nearly **59,000 PERSONS PER YEAR** with more than **99%** of cases originating from infected **DOG BITES**.

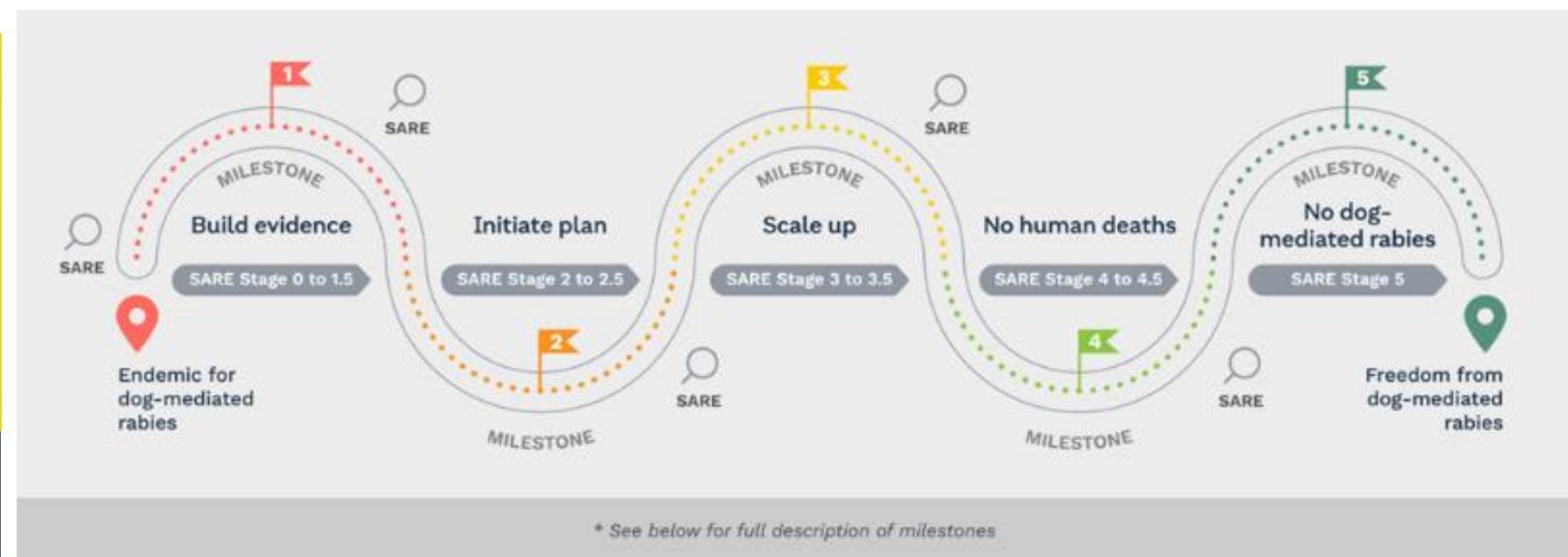
By providing high-quality dog vaccines, our vaccine bank helps countries implement vaccination campaigns and eliminate dog-mediated human rabies.

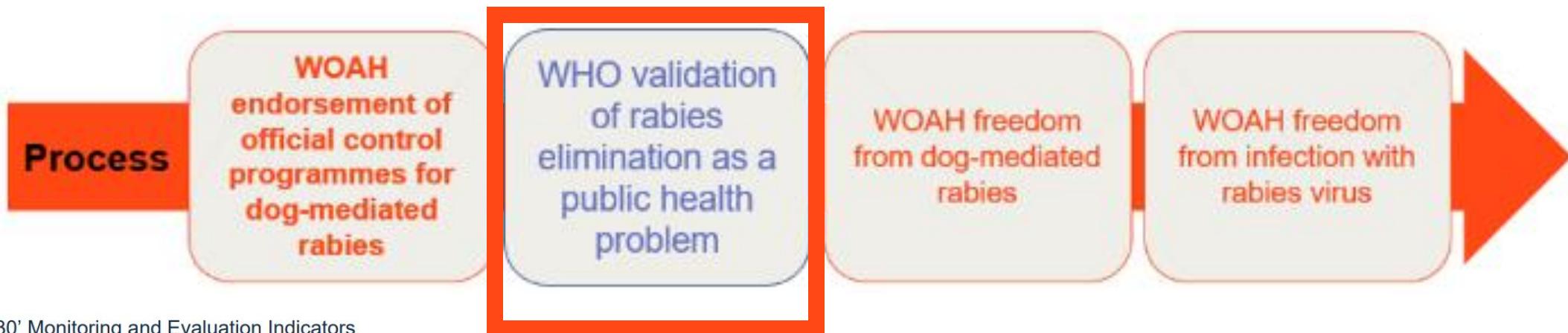




 'Zero by 30' Monitoring and Evaluation Indicators

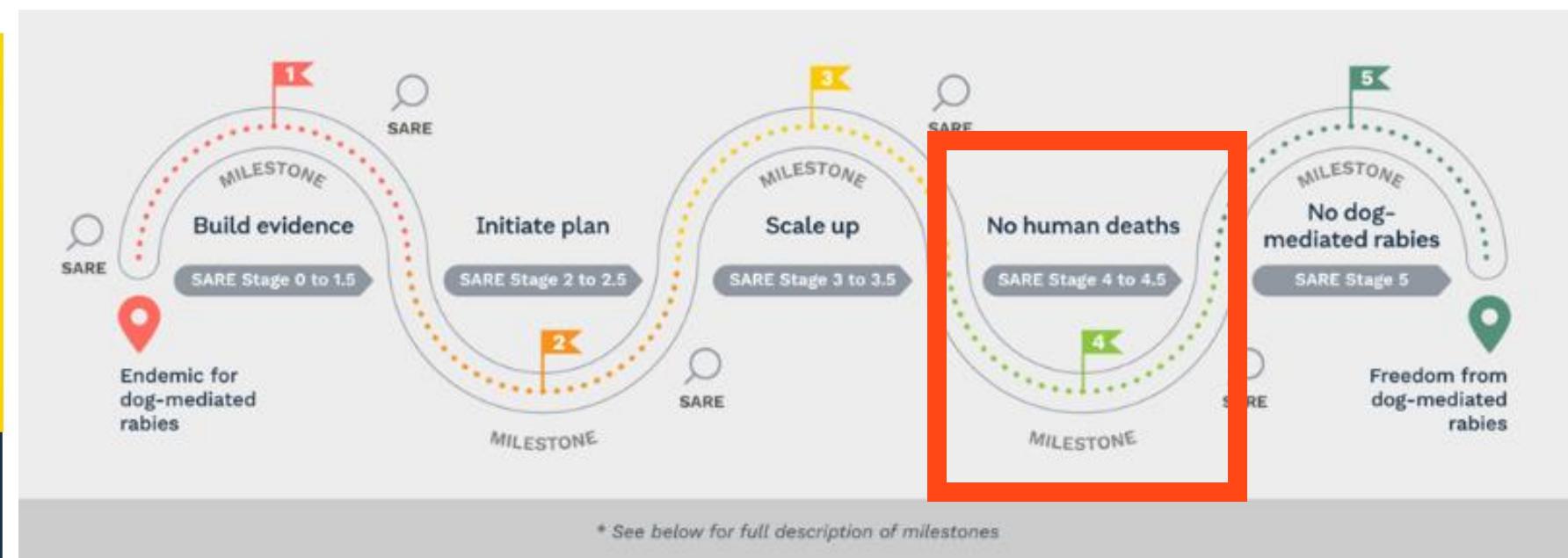
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 'Zero by 30' Monitoring and Evaluation Indicators

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- **Stepwise Approach to Rabies Elimination (SARE)**

- Can help develop or revise national strategy and work plan, and demonstrate progress through repeat assessments

- **WOAH Endorsement**

- Countries with a robust, One-Health control strategy in place for rabies control.

- **WHO Validation**

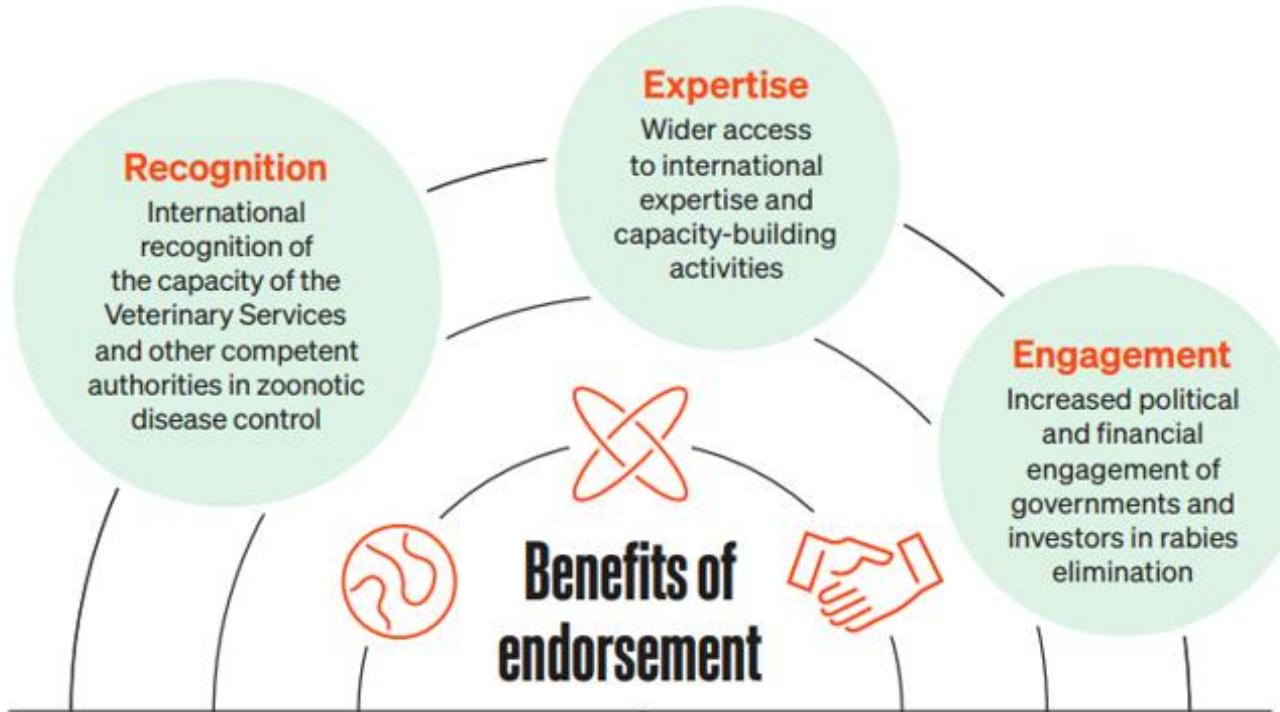
- Countries with zero human deaths from dog-mediated rabies for at least 24 months.

- **WOAH Self-declaration**

- Countries free of dog-mediated rabies

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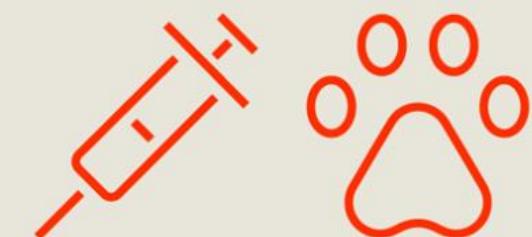


Signifies:

1. Strong partnership with and support of national public health authorities in control of zoonotic diseases
2. Contribution to 'Zero by 30'
3. Commitment to the One Health approach
4. 4 countries achieved so far (Philippines, Namibia, Tanzania, Zambia); more expected in 2026

Maximise your country's efforts against rabies

Apply for endorsement of your official control programme for dog-mediated rabies



How to apply for endorsement

In line with our procedure and guidelines, Members need to compile documents that evidence:

- A good understanding of human and dog demographics and epidemiology of the disease on their territory
- The capacity of the Veterinary Services, along with effective collaboration with other competent authorities
- Measures to control dog-mediated rabies including surveillance and diagnosis
- A dog-mediated rabies control strategy with a clear work plan, timelines and budget for the following five years

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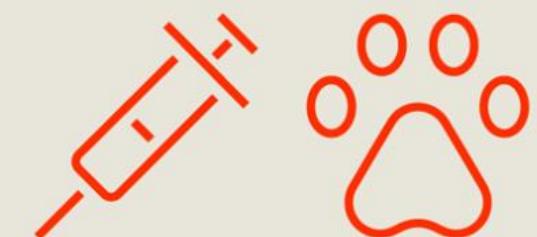


Timeline

- **Submission of dossier to WOAH Status Department – early August 2026**
- Review of dossier by *Ad hoc* group, and recommendation to Scientific Commission for Animal Disease (SCAD) – October 2026
- Review of dossier by SCAD, and recommendation to General Assembly – February 2027
- Approval by General Assembly – May 2027

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Guidance documents

- Questionnaire to compile documented evidence of compliance with requirements
- Guidance document on application
- Standard operating procedures
- Form for annual reconfirmation
- www.woah.org/en/disease/rabies/#ui-id-2



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GUIDANCE DOCUMENT ON APPLICATION FOR ENDORSEMENT OF AN OFFICIAL CONTROL PROGRAMME FOR DOG MEDIATED RABIES

This guide is designed to assist Members compile information according to Article 8.15.11. of the *Terrestrial Animal Health Code*. It includes examples of figures and table templates that can be found in the following appendices with cross-references to specific sections of the questionnaire for application for an endorsement of official control programme for dog-mediated rabies.

Providing high-quality figures like those in the examples is not mandatory but should be provided when available.

Please note that the content of the referenced scientific articles is not related to or part of the guidance.

Appendix A: Epidemiology (Section 3. a. of the questionnaire)

Example of Table of cases for humans and animals (by species) showing date of detection. For more examples visit United Against Rabies' [National Strategic Plan template](#) and [WHO data collection template](#).

	Number of rabies cases				
	Time period (last years)				
	-4 years	-3 years	-2 years	-1 year	Current year
Human					
Dog					
Livestock					
Cat					
Bat					
Other wildlife					





Key Messages

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1. **Lots** of tools and resources available
2. We are here to help, and connect you with others that can help
3. Have you got tools, resources, or experiences to share?
4. Is your country eligible to apply for a specific milestone?

Thank you!

Questions?

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