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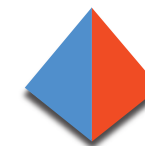
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GLOBAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE
PROGRESSIVE CONTROL OF
TRANSBOUNDARY ANIMAL DISEASES



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Rabies epidemiological situation

➤ Last year of occurrence of Rabies in domestic animals :

(Year, animal(s) , location (s))

13.08.2026, cat, Kirovograd region, Second Znamianka

➤ Last year of occurrence of Rabies in wildlife :

(Year, animal(s) , location (s))

13.08.2026, fox, Volyn region, Bilopil

Total outbreaks – 454

➤ Last year of occurrence of Rabies in humans :

In general, single cases of rabies in humans are reported in Ukraine. In 2026, 1 case was reported.

➤ Last year of occurrence of imported Rabies cases:

There where no cases from imported animals, humans

Oral Rabies Vaccination

Year	Spring campaign*		Autumn campaign*		Area covered (please mark with X as appropriate)		Financing (EU/National/other)
	Start Date	End Date	Start Date	End Date	Whole country	Other (please describe)	
2024	01.05	31.05	16.09	11.11	X (excluding the temporarily occupied territories, 384 123, 520 km ²)		National
2025	14.04.	30.05	29.09.	31.10	X (excluding the temporarily occupied territories, 275.9 thousand km ²)		National and EU (The autumn campaign in the border regions — Lviv, Zakarpattia and Volyn regions — was funded by the EU)
2026	18.05	31.05			X		National and EU (border regions: Lviv, Zakarpattia and Volyn regions were funded by the EU)

***No ORV campaign: complete with "not planned"/ ORV Planned but not implemented: "omitted"**

Oral Rabies Vaccination

Additional ORV strategies

- **Please, complete briefly here (if any) additional strategy** *(e.g. intensified bait distribution, emergency vaccination, double baiting, coordination with neighbours in timing, etc)*
for:

- **ORV implemented/planned for 2026 :**

- **ORV planned for 2027:**

Ukraine doesn't have additional strategy of oral rabies vaccination

Maps of the vaccination area in 2025



The area covered throughout Ukraine (excluding the Donetsk, Luhansk and Kherson regions). A total of 275.9 thousand km² has been treated (including 123.6 thousand km² – twice). A total of 9,989.72 thousand doses were used (of which 3,091.16 thousand doses were administered in the spring

Surveillance

(Detection of rabies virus)

Year	Number of tested animals- Passive surveillance				Number of tested animals- Active surveillance	
	Total number WILDLIFE	Total number DOMESTIC	No of positive cases		Total number	No of positive cases
			WILDLIFE	DOMESTIC		
2023	207/2955 (cats-1427, dog-1366, cattle-130,sheep/goats-30)		89/962 (cats-484, dogs-357,cattle-101, sheep/goats-10)		1948	252
2024	308 (including jakals-82) /3065 (cats-1514, dog-1422, cattle-100,sheep/goats-29)		183 (including jakals-20) /1076 (cats-539, dogs-433,cattle-85, sheep/goats-19)		8169	563

Surveillance

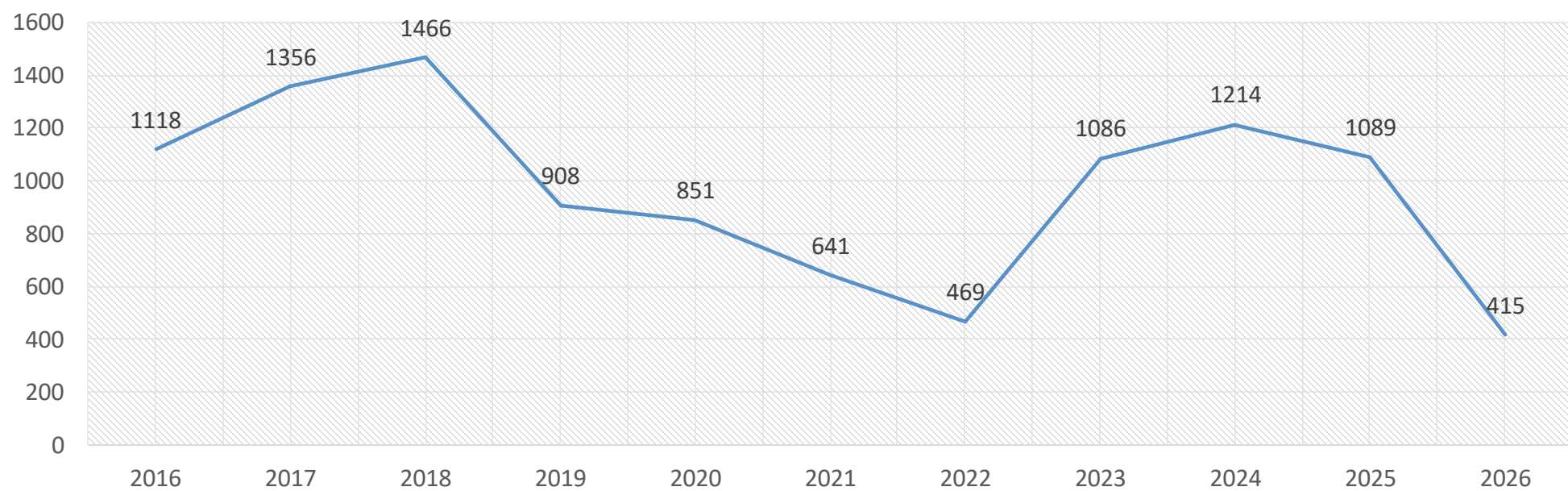
(Detection of rabies virus)

Year	Number of tested animals- Passive surveillance				Number of tested animals- Active surveillance	
	Total number WILDLIFE	Total number DOMESTIC	No of positive cases		Total number	No of positive cases
			WILDLIFE	DOMESTIC		
2025	631 (including jakals-344) /3086 (cats-1636, dog-1330, cattle-95,sheep/goats-25)		119 (including jakals-37) /970 (cats-472, dog-414, cattle-71,sheep/goats-13)		10575	708
2026	168 (including jakals-55, wolf-15, bat-1) /1272 (cats-691, dog-561, cattle-20)		111 (including jakals-2, bat-1) /351 (cats-175,dog-157, cattle-15,sheep/goats-1)		4126	180

- Passive surveillance: tests performed in suspect and dead wild animals (FAT/RT-PCR). **If available**, different **species** or **categories** can be specified (companion, livestock; more detailed if available: dogs, cattle, cats, golden jackal, etc)

- Active surveillance: tests performed in healthy hunted animals in the frame of the monitoring programme to verify effectiveness of oral rabies vaccination in WILDLIFE. If no active surveillance: **N/A**

History of the identification of problem areas over the last 10 years



Number of outbreaks of rabies in 2025



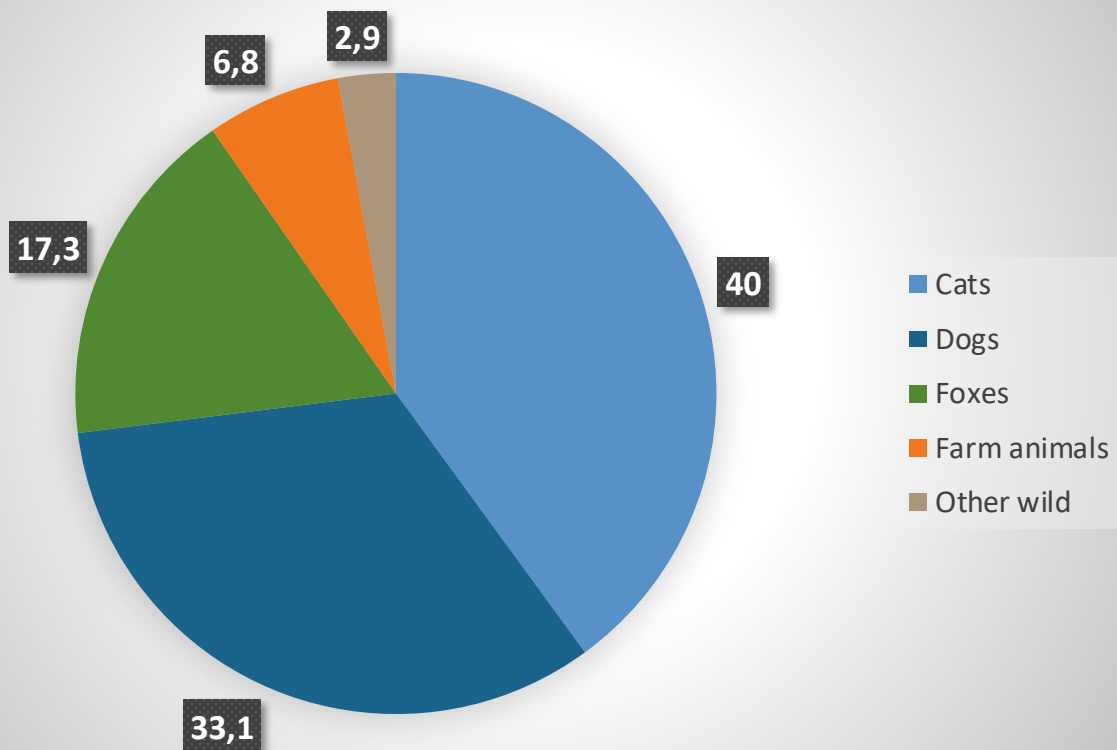
Number of outbreaks of rabies January-June 2026



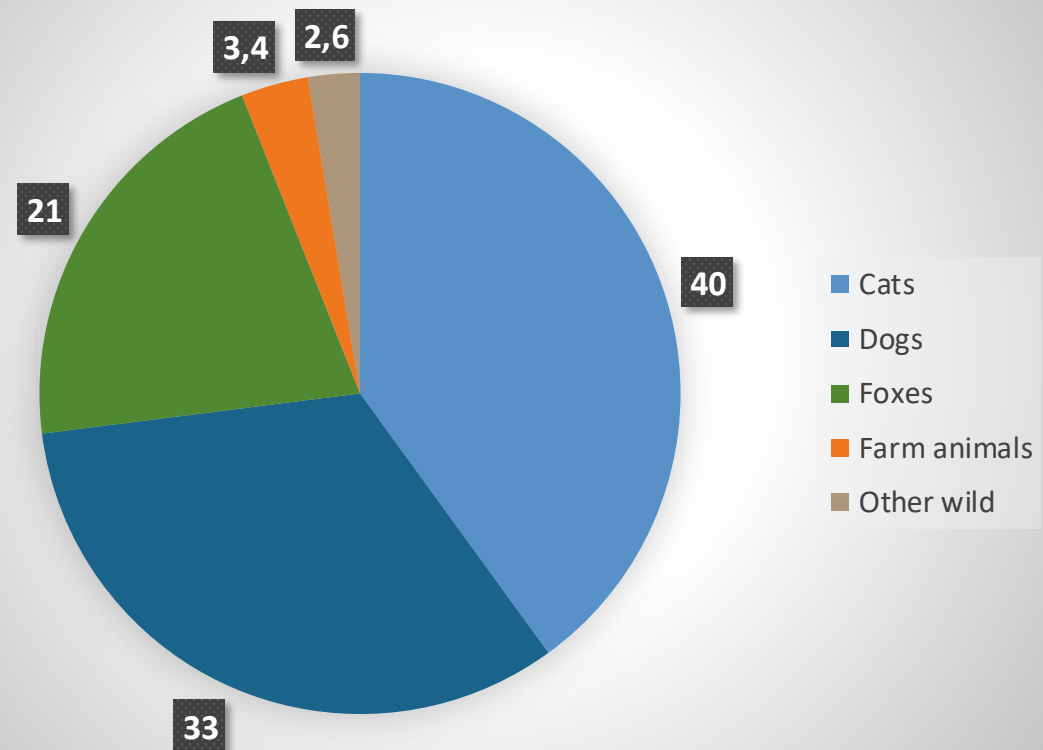
Species composition of rabies outbreaks detected in January–June 2026 compared with the corresponding period of 2025

Animal species	Number of outbreaks			% of total outbreaks		
	2025	2026	Change	2025	2026	Change
Cats	224	164	-60	40%	40%	
Dogs	216	140	-76	39%	33%	-6%
Foxes	89	86	-3	15%	21%	+6%
Farm animals	16	14	-2	3%	3,4%	+0,4%
Other wild	16	11	-5	3%	2,6%	-0,4%
TOTAL	561	415	-146 (-26%)			

2025



2026

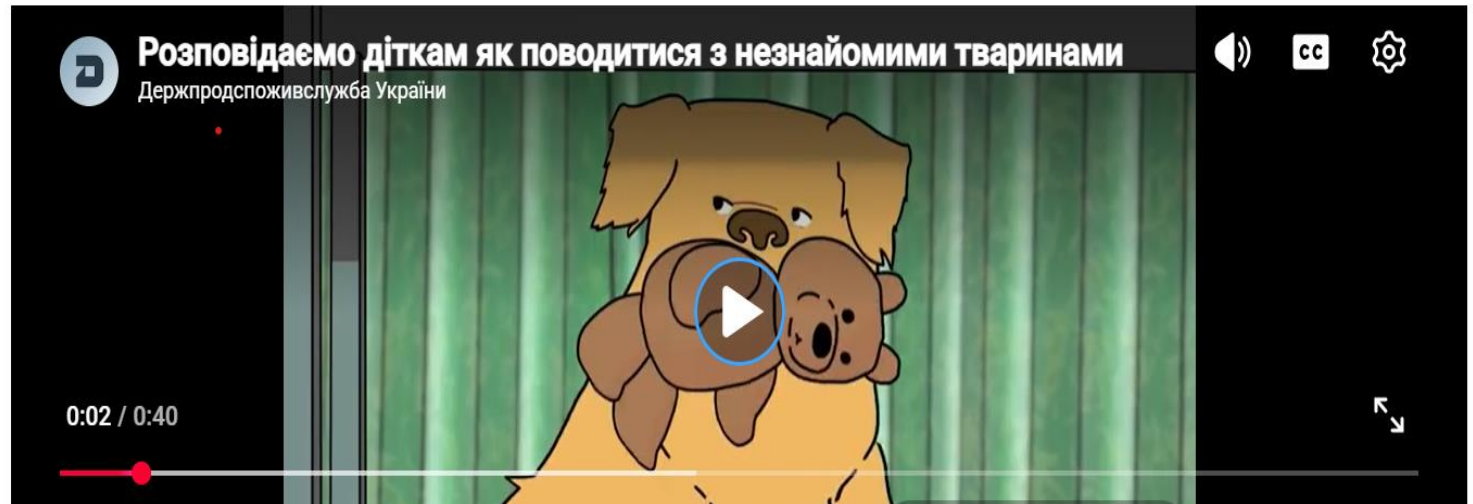
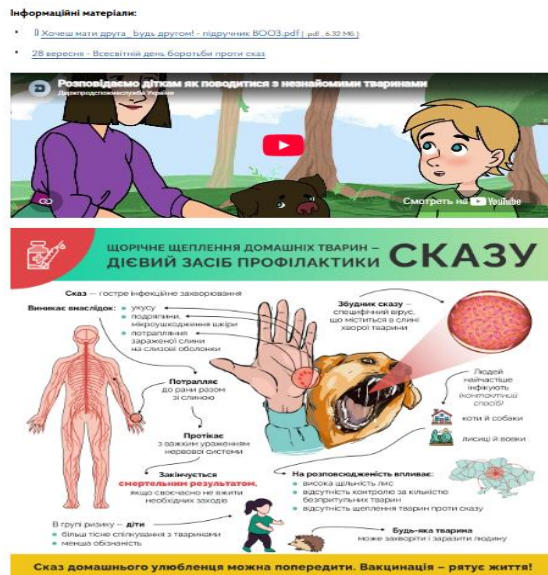


Plans for 2027

VACCINATION	YES*	NO	STILL TO BE DECIDED	YES* UNDER CONDITIONS <i>(please describe)</i>	Area (border/whole territory)	Period /dates	Comments
ORV Spring campaign 2027	X				X	15.04-31.05	
ORV Autumn campaign 2027	X				X	15.09-31.11	
SURVEILLANCE							
Passive surveillance	X				X	During year	
Active surveillance <i>(like the one accompanying all ORV)</i>	X				X	After relevant campaign	
Other type of active surveillance <i>(please describe)</i>							

Additional measures

- In addition, information campaigns are being conducted in Ukraine to raise awareness about rabies among relevant groups (the citizens, children, pet owners, farmers, and veterinary professionals).



Main challenges identified for rabies control

- Due to the russian federation's military aggression against Ukraine, we are unable to conduct oral vaccination throughout the entire territory.
- Flights are currently prohibited in Ukraine, so our specialists are unable to use airplane and are forced to lay out the bait by hand.
- Limited funding





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