VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT - Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center

WORLD RABIES DAY

Working together to make rabies history!

Why is rabies important?

- Rabies is entirely preventable through vaccination.
- Rabies kills at least 55,000 people annually, or one person every 10 minutes.
- Rabies impacts animal health and welfare.
- Sustained elimination of dog-to-dog transmission of rabies has been demonstrated over large geographic areas.
- The methodical use of proven techniques can lead to global elimination of the major source of human rabies.

WHAT: A day of declaration and action wherever possible

WHO: International and national human and animal health organizations, human and veterinary public health professionals, non-government organizations, World Health Organization collaborating centers, universities and corporate and private partners

WHERE: As many countries as possible

WHY: Raise awareness and enhance prevention and control of this neglected disease

WHEN: Annually with the inaugural one on September 8, 2007

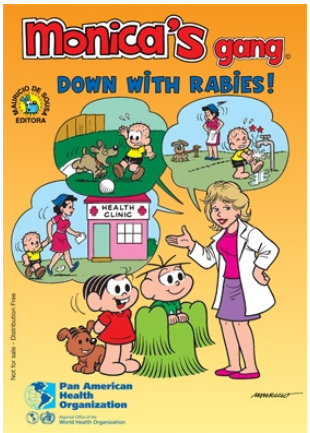
ACTIVITIES IN PLACE

Local event planning is underway in these countries: US, Canada, Mexico, Caribbean, Haiti, Brazil, Peru, Columbia, France, UK, Germany, Pakistan, India, Thailand, Philippines, Tanzania, South Africa, Nigeria, Ethiopia, French West and African countries. Invitations from partners are continuing to be extended to other countries and organizations.

- CDC is organizing communications and invitations to promote World Rabies Day.
- OIE support of World Rabies Day announced May 2007.
- US Student American Veterinary Medical Association has issued a challenge to the Chapters at the Colleges to plan World Rabies Day events.
- Pasteur Institute introduced the initiative to their international network of institutions.
- Commonwealth Veterinary Association encouraging events at Colleges of Veterinary Medicine throughout Asia.
- Pan American Health Organization introduced the initiative to their member countries.

OBJECTIVES OF THE WORLD RABIES DAY

- To raise global awareness about rabies
- To promote education in local communities to control and prevent rabies
- To mobilize and coordinate resources toward human rabies prevention and animal rabies control



PARTICIPANTS AND PARTNERS

- Alliance for Rabies Control
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)
- World Veterinary Association
- World Society for the Protection of Animals
- Pasteur Institute(s)
- Canadian Food Inspection Agency
- Kansas State University
- Association for the Control of Rabies in India
- American Veterinary Medical Association
- American Association of Animal Hospitals
- British Veterinary Association
- Commonwealth Veterinary Association
- Student American Veterinary Association
- National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians (US)
- Rabies in Asia Conference Foundation

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