

18 WORLD RABIES DAY OUTCOMES



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Help Make Rabies History

Rabies is a terrible, yet preventable disease. Approximately half of all human rabies deaths occur in children under the age of 15. Unfortunately, rabies continues to cause considerable suffering for people and animals and can also have a devastating impact on livestock and wildlife populations. If you would like to support the World Rabies Day initiative, please visit our website WorldRabiesDay.Org to find out how to make a tax deductible donation.



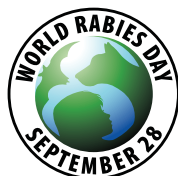
Walk for Rabies at the University of Guelph - Ontario, Canada

With Much Thanks!

The World Rabies Day Team would like to thank all of our partners from numerous organizations throughout the World who helped make the second World Rabies Day a great success!



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World Rabies Day

World Rabies Day (WRD) is the only worldwide event focused specifically on preventing human and animal rabies. The first World Rabies Day was widely promoted by organizers and participants in over 74 countries, and as a result, over 54 million people across the world received educational messages in their own languages about how to prevent rabies. The second World Rabies Day on September 28, 2008 has proven to be another success! Thanks to the tireless efforts of our partners and local event coordinators around the world, hundreds of events, largely comprised of rabies awareness and education venues, were held in at least 85 countries with participation by various agencies such as local/state/national governments, private industry and non-governmental and community based organizations.



Mass rabies vaccination program - Serengeti, Tanzania, Africa

Around the World

In addition to countless educational conferences and seminars, there were numerous vaccination clinics, commemorations, parades, runs and walks. Just some of the many novel events being reported this year include a dog fashion show in Zamboanga, Philippines, a weekly radio show in Nigeria which allowed people to call in and ask questions about rabies, and an on-stage discussion about rabies prevention with movie stars, held in Thailand. Major announcements and accomplishments, such as the signing of the North American Rabies Management Plan between the U.S., Canada and Mexico took center stage at the 19th International Conference on Rabies in the Americas (RITA) at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia.



Interaction on rabies with school children - India

One-Health in Action

Once again Colleges of Veterinary Medicine around the world took the lead and energized the veterinary community with participation from 30 Veterinary schools in the U.S., Canada and the Caribbean, at least 15 in India and countless schools throughout Asia, Africa and Latin America. Medical Colleges also joined the One Health movement this year and in many locations united with their Veterinary colleagues to provide both human and animal health screenings and vaccinations at their World Rabies Day event.

Awareness: the Best Defense

It has been proven that when effective educational messages reach the right audiences, rabies mortality rates can be significantly reduced. Some particular highlights from WRD 2008 include programs aimed at educating over 200,000 students in Puerto Rico, and hundreds of thousands of people in India, Thailand, Pakistan, the Philippines, Iran, and throughout Africa. Rabies awareness activities associated with WRD also took place throughout Latin America, including 32 Mexican states, and through a partnership with the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO), coordinated rabies prevention activities occurred in at least 15 countries throughout the continent.