

JBF India's global rabies prevention program



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Mythologically and historically dogs are known to be the most faithful servant of mankind what if our dog is infected with rabies. Rabies is a preventable viral disease of mammals most often transmitted through the bite of a rabid animal. The vast majority of rabies cases reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) each year occur in wild animals like raccoons, skunks, bats, and foxes. Domestic animals account for less than 10% of the reported rabies cases, with cats, cattle, and dogs most often reported rabid.

Rabies virus infects the central nervous system, causing encephalopathy and ultimately death. Early symptoms of rabies in humans are nonspecific, consisting of fever, headache, and general malaise. As the disease progresses, neurological symptoms appear and may include insomnia, anxiety, confusion, slight or partial paralysis, excitation, hallucinations, agitation, hypersalivation, difficulty swallowing, and hydrophobia (fear of water). Death usually occurs within days of the onset of symptoms.

JBF(India) to overcome rabies have started locally a antirabies program befitting the faithful servant as well as its owners. Today being "World Rabies Day" JBF(India) organised a free health check up and anti rabies vaccination camp for street dogs and domesiticated dogs at its relief

centre at survey Beltola in Guwahati. Native people gathered with their dogs to vaccinate Information brochure "Rabies- What you need to know" were also distributed. The theme for World Rabies Day this year is "Together we can get rid of Rabies."

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