When rabies hits home



Carlie Red Flag Rabies Awareness





Carlie

- Little Carlie grew up on their family's farm just outside of Clocolan in the Eastern Free State Province
- She was fluent in Sotho, loved animals and loved being in nature



Sunday - 17 July 2016

- Sunday evening the 17th of July 2016 our family got the shock of our lives...
- My brother, Johann, called to say that we had just lost Carlie, she has passed on
- She was just 6 years old, how could she be gone?
- So many questions remained how did this happen, how could this happen??

The Friday



- Friday, Carlie wasn't feeling well and she was taken to the doctor
- She had symptoms including fever, body pains and there was a wheeze from her chest
- With the initial symptoms, the doctor suspected flu or a cold

The Sunday morning

- The Sunday morning Carlie and her father went to Bloemfontein to have X-rays of her chest taken
- The plan was to let the two enjoy their day there before going back to the farm
- What her father could never imagine that day, was that he would be leaving Bloemfontein without his daugther...and that she would be dead

Testing

- The doctors tested Carlie for meningitis, Guillainbarre and everything they could think of
- Wednesday afternoon (after Carlie's passing), the tests came back positive for rabies
- What a shock! WHERE, WHY and HOW did she get this deadly disease?

Reflecting

- She wasn't bitten...she would've told her parents if an animal attacked or bit her...
- When all these questions came washing over us, it was the worst time of our lives

Connecting the dots

- As time went by, the symptoms that Carlie had progressively shown began to make more sense
- The Sunday at the hospital in Bloemfontein her legs became weak and paralysed, and also started itching
- Her legs were most probably the area where she picked up the virus
- Carlie was not bitten...she could've picked up the virus through an animal that perhaps licked small scratches or wounds on her legs...this could've happened months ago

Awareness

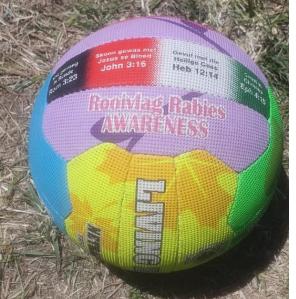
- This is what makes rabies so so dangerous you never know when you are exposed to this horrific and deadly disease
- Our family decided to start creating awareness about rabies, in honour of Carlie's life that was taken away from her too soon
- We have events at schools, sporting events, wherever an opportunity arises
- □ Living ball ministries "four seasons" netbal-ball

Awareness – a family effort













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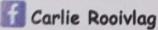
Prevent Rabies by:

- 1. Avoid getting bitten by any animal
- If bitten, wash the wound under running water for 15 minutes
- Tell an adult, ask them to take you to a clinic or hospital.













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Key messages

- Children should be taught how to handle animals correctly and safely and how to react if something bad happens
- Children should not play with pets and animals they don't know, and they should avoid wild animals
- We are trying hard to create awareness on the deadly rabies disease every chance that we get

Remember!

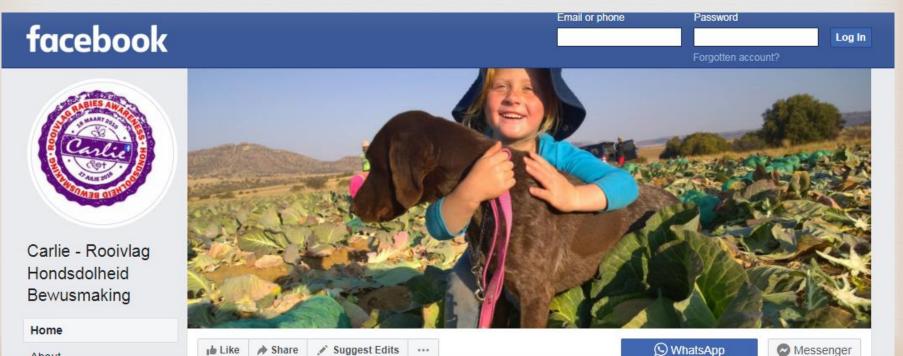
- Any animal showing abnormal or concerning behaviour should be reported to your local veterinarian, state veterianrian, Animal Health Technician, Police Station or Animal Welfare Society
- By law all dogs and cats in the country have to be vaccinated against rabies vaccinate your animals to protect your family
- If a person was bitten/ scratched/ licked by an animal suspected to have rabies, wash the wound area very well for 10 minutes and go to your doctor/ clinic immediately for assessment and treatment

Closing remarks

- Death is never an easing thing, but if a child dies it is impossible to forget
- Especially if it something so unnecessary, something that could've been prevented
- Representation of the contract of the contract
 - Awareness and education
 - Vaccinating dogs and cats
 - Seeking immediate medical attention if exposed

Facebook

- We are welcome to follow our Facebook page where we share information on rabies
- **Carlie Rooivlag Hondsdolheid Bewusmaking**



Together we can beat rabies

