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This advice can save your life!

What is rabies?

- Rabies is a disease that affects the brain, causing the death of people and animals.

What are the signs of the disease?

- Changes in behaviour (e.g. wild animals appear tame; domestic animals become aggressive)
- Salivation
- Incoordination
- Paralysis

How do people get rabies?

- People most commonly get rabies from being bitten by a dog that has the disease.

Which animals can get rabies?

- Pets, e.g. dogs and cats.
- Livestock and wildlife can also get rabies.

How do I protect my pet and myself?

- Have your dogs and cats vaccinated against rabies.
- Do not touch or pick up stray animals
- If you get bitten:
Wash the wound(s) well with lots of soap under running water.
- Immediately go to your nearest clinic.
- Contact your nearest State Vet, Private Vet or Animal Health Technician

**Protect yourself, your family and your community
against rabies!!!!**

