

FACTS YOU MUST KNOW ABOUT



RABIES

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INTRODUCTION

Rabies remains a public health problem in the Philippines. Approximately 300 to 600 Filipinos die of rabies every year. Our country ranked third worldwide in rabies incidence in 2000.

Dog remains the principal reservoir of rabies in the country. Thus, the most cost effective measure against rabies is through vaccination of dogs; education of dog owners and the public on responsible pet ownership should include restrictions of dogs within homes or properties.

Stakeholders should push for the creation of local ordinances on dog control measures, dog vaccination, and the practice of responsible pet ownership.

This pamphlet is being produced to give the public basic information about rabies.

RABIES IN THE PHILIPPINES

🐾 RABIES INCIDENCE: 300-600 DEATHS PER
MILLION FILIPINOS/YEAR

🐾 DOG BITE INCIDENCE: 200-800 PER 100,000
POPULATION/YEAR

🐾 AGE MOST AFFECTED: 5-14 YR. OLD
(53% OF CASES)

🐾 BITING ANIMALS: (SLH, 1982 – 2002)

DOG:	98%
PETS:	88%
STRAY:	10%
CATS:	2%

