Rabies Deaths

Rabies occurs in animals but can be transmitted to humans; for example when bitten by a rabid animal. Once symptoms begin, up to 90 days after the bite, it is almost always fatal. Only human deaths are shown on this map.

India is where 85% of all human rabies deaths occurred between 1995 and 2004. Over this period there were 21404 rabies deaths a year there.

Dogs are responsible for most human deaths worldwide. Where rabies is common, dogs may be feared more than elsewhere. Thorough cleaning and vaccinations after being bitten by a rabid animal can prevent the development of rabies.

“About 3.5 million dog bites are registered every year in India. The Government cannot give vaccine free of cost to all people. By 2006, the price of vaccine is expected to increase ...”

K. Sandeep, 2002

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