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HINT !!!!!

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RABIES

What is Rabies?

Rabies is a sickness that is passed from infected animal (Dog) to human beings.

What causes Rabies?

Rabies is caused by virus (germs) that is found in the spit of an infected animal (Dog).

How do you get Rabies?

- People can only get rabies if they are bitten or scratched by an animal (Dog) that already has rabies or suspected of being sick of rabies.
- People can also get rabies if an infected dog saliva (spit) gets into your eyes, nose, mouth or scratch or other wound
- A person sick with rabies can transmit the virus/ germs through biting of another person.



What are the animals that can give you rabies?

In Liberia, dogs are the most common animal to cause rabies. However, other animals like cats, bats, ground hogs and raccoons can also cause Rabies Virus.

Who is most at risks?

Everyone is at risk of getting rabies.

Signs and Symptoms of Rabies in Humans

- Pain
- Burning feeling around the sore site
- Fear of water
- Fear of air
- Being confused
- Barking like a dog

Signs of rabies in dogs

- Unusual behavior (Not friendly and having strange behavior)
- An increase in saliva (Spit)
- Fear of water
- Difficulty in moving or dead.

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What you should do if you think your dog has been exposed to rabies.

- Stay away from the dog.
- Report all bite cases to the health authority
- Do not touch or eat dog that died from rabies, the animal still has the virus.
- Wrap all dead animal (dog) in a plastic bag and bury it deep in the ground (at least four feet below the surface) to prevent feeding by other animals.

How can you help to prevent rabies?

- Tell children not to play with Stray or street dogs.
- Keep your dogs away from other dogs.
- Do not let your dogs run around freely in the community.
- Keep your garbage properly covered from dogs.
- Vaccinate your dogs to keep it protected from rabies.
- Always report dog bites to clinic or hospital.
- Always observe your dogs for signs of rabies.



