

Be rabies aware!

Travelling abroad? Stay safe around animals to protect your family from rabies.



What is rabies?

Rabies is a virus that affects mammals, including dogs and people. It is deadly but preventable.



How rabies spreads

Rabies is spread in the saliva of infected animals through:



bites



scratches



licks

How to stay safe



Don't touch or approach unknown dogs or cats



Check the rabies risk at your destination and consider pre-travel vaccination



Never disturb dogs when they are eating, sleeping or with their puppies to reduce the risk of bites



Avoid dog bites, scratches and licks

If a dog bites you:

1



Wash

Wash the wound with soap and running water for 15 minutes

2



Apply

Apply antiseptic, if available

3



Go

Go to the hospital

Did you know?



Around 59,000

people die from rabies every year worldwide. Children are most at risk.



99%

of human rabies cases are linked to contact with infected dogs

While rabies is rare in the UK, it remains a serious risk in many popular holiday destinations. Mission Rabies works around the world to end rabies through dog vaccination and education.



For more details scan QR code or go to wvs.org.uk/rabies-travel-advice/

