

Epidemiology of Rabies

Zoonotic Fatal acute viral encephalopath of warm blooded animals (carnivorous) Progress into hydrophobia, convulsions, respiratory paralysis & death (2-6) days.

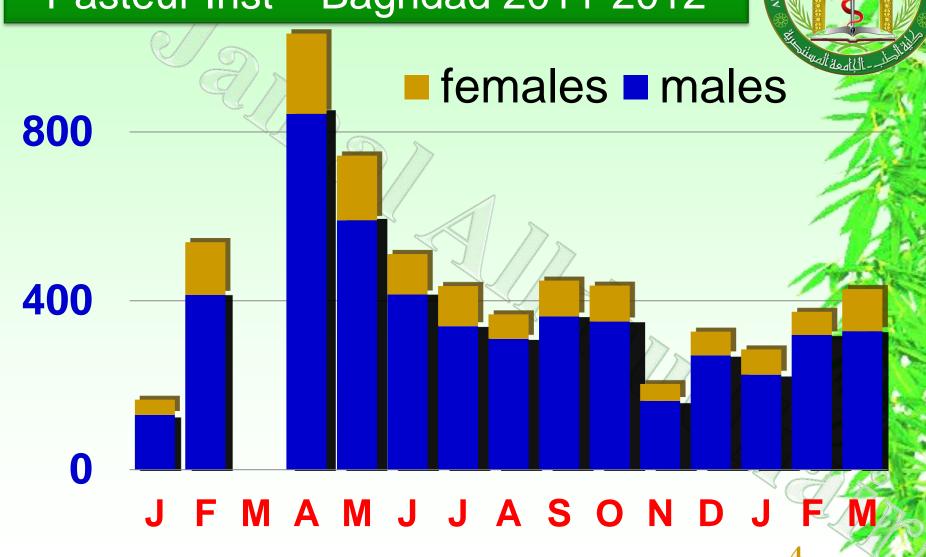
50000 deaths/yr, mostly in developing countries. 40%<15yrs Only communicable disease in man that is always fatal.

Rabies free areas: Islands as UK, Ireland, Cyprus, Japan, Australia, new Zealand.

- Urban type transmitted by dogs
- Sylvatic type transmitted by wild animals & bats.



Immunoglobulin doses Pasteur Inst – Baghdad 2011-2012



Animal Diagnosis

Agent: Lyssavirus bullet shape RNA virus.

Host: warm blooded animals & man.

Diagnosis by killing or testing the dead animal

- FA staining of brain or infected tissue
- Microscopic exam of brain for Negri bodies.
- Mouse inoculation test.
- Virus isolation & serology on tissue culture
- Diagnosis in man by clinical & post mortem is too late!



Reservoir
Dogs: in developing countries

Wild canines: (Enzootic): fox, woll

Bats: America & Europe

Source of infection Saliva of rabid animals

Modes of transmission

- Animal Bite or scratch: dog, fox
- Licks on abraded skin.
- Organ transplant: cornea
- Airborne: bat caves, lab workers.
- Man to Man? Dead end infection



Incubation period

Only communicable disease with variable and multi factor dependant:

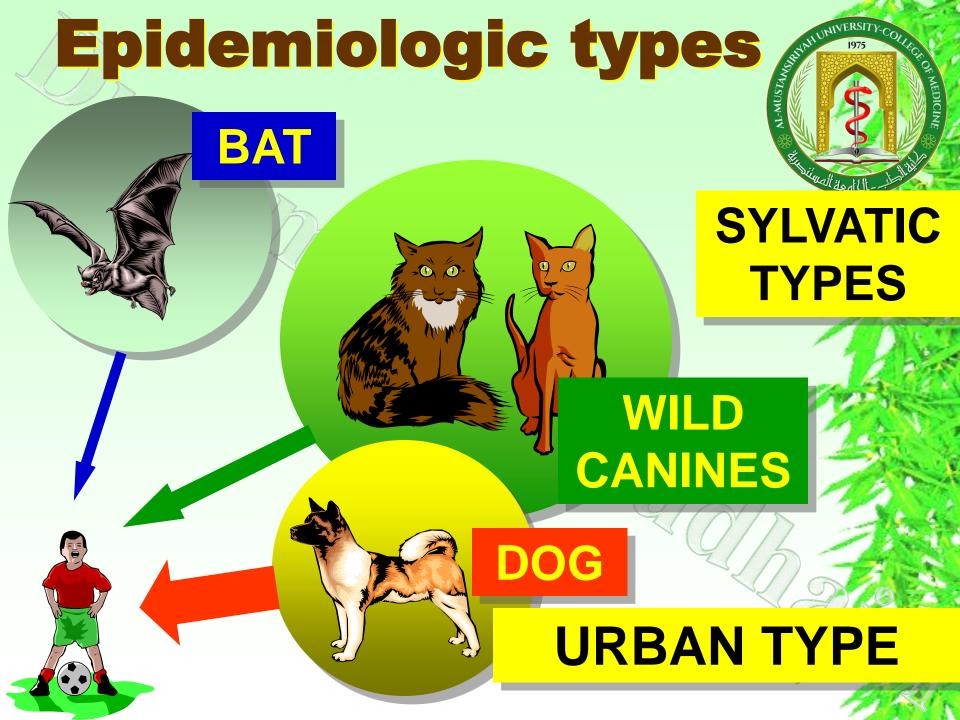
2-12 weeks.

Depends on:

- Biting animal species
- wound: severity, site, distance from

head.

- Protection by clothing
- Treatment undertaken



Active immunization

Inactivated vaccines

(small risk of encephalitis, allergy)

- 1. Human diploid cells (IM or ID)
- 2. Purified chick embryo cells (IM)

Pre-exposure vaccination:

- ♣three doses: days 0-7-28.
- ♣boosters: every two years

Post-exposure vaccination:

- 4non immunized: 5 doses: days 0-3-7-28-35
- ♣previously immunized: 2 doses: days 0-3

Passive immunization

Two types of Rabies immunoglobulin:

1/2 dose is infiltrated into the wound, given IM.

Human type: (best type): give 20 IU/Kg

Equine type: start with a test dose (ID or SC) for allergy, then 40 IU/Kg





Prevention
License & Immunize dogs

- Euthanize stray dogs
- Dog population control (using infertility)
- Active surveillance for epizootics
- Oral immunization for wild animals: using air-drop bait recombinant vaccine
- Pre-exposure vaccination for high risk people: lab workers, veterinarians, zoo personnel, hunters

Post-exposure prophylaxis 1970

Done after animal bite, depending on:

- Animal nature: wild
- Condition of bite: unprovoked bite
- Rabies surveillance: enzootic or epizootic in area
- Animal condition: diseased/dies within 10d

Steps of Post-exposure prophylaxis:

- Wound management: cleaning, flushing with water, not suture, antibiotics.
- 2. Post-exposure vaccination: IM in (only vaccine given after infection)
- 3. Passive immunization: given as soon as possible, except if previously immunized.

Dog bites



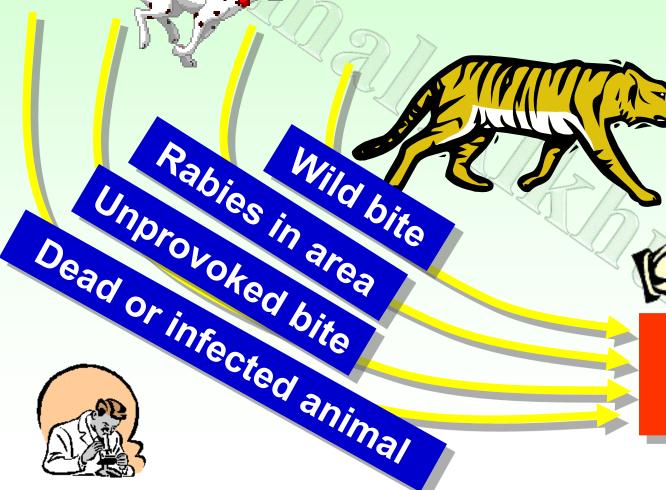




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