



Rabies in CROATIA

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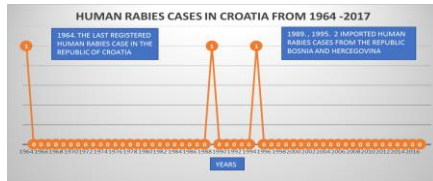


INTRODUCTION

The last human rabies case in the Republic of Croatia was registered in 1964. Since then there have been registered two imported human rabies cases; the first one in 1989, and the second in 1995. Both were from the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Mandatory dog vaccination against rabies started in the Republic of Croatia in 1948. After implementation of an oral vaccination of foxes programme in 2010, in the Republic of Croatia, for the third time, the results were outstanding. In the period from 2015 – 2017 there were no laboratory confirmed rabies animal cases in domestic animals and wildlife at the entire area of the Republic of Croatia. We are going to become a rabies free country soon.

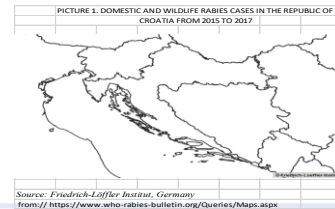
HUMAN RABIES IN 2017

N° of animal bites	5.079
N° of rabies deaths	0
-Clinically diagnosed	0
-Laboratory confirmed	0
Further explanation	Since impelentation of an ORV programme for the third time in 2010 in the Republic of Croatia, we are going towards the status of rabies-free country.



ANIMAL RABIES IN 2017

N° of animal / dog rabies cases	0
-Laboratory confirmed	0
N° dogs vaccinated	366.082, 75412 microchipped
% dogs vaccinated	Unknown
Further explanation	For the last three years (2015 – 2017) there were no positive isolates of rabies in domestic animals and wildlife



PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS (PrEP)

Vaccination schedule (route/n° doses)	i.m., 3 doses (0, 7, /21/ 28)
Vaccine used	PCEC vaccine (RABIPUR) , HDC vaccine
N° of persons who received PrEP	218 (138 primary with 3 doses, 80 with booster doses) in 2017
Who pays for PrEP?	Government of the Republic of Croatia

POST-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS (PEP)

Vaccination schedule (route/n° doses)	Zagreb 2-1-1 scheme (4 doses), Essen sheme (5 doses)
Vaccine used	PCEC vaccine (RABIPUR), HDC vaccine
N° of persons who received PEP	1.277 (in 2017)
N° of persons who received RIG	47 (in 2017)
Who pays for PrEP?	Government of the Republic of Croatia

Description of the inter-ministerial zoonosis unit or national rabies coordination unit if any .

The Office for Veterinary Affairs and Food Safety at the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Croatia is planning to proclaim the Republic of Croatia a rabies free country soon.

KEY ACTION POINTS –

What *actions* supporting rabies control (at animal and human level) have been carried recently?

Actions	Achieved or Progress so far?	Challenges	Future actions
1) Spring campaign of ORV bait drop	Zero rabies positive cases in domestic animals and wildlife from year 2015 to 2017	To ensure further financing of the ORV programme	Autumn campaign of ORV bait drop
2) Continuing ORV programme		Proclaiming the rabies free status	Vaccinating dogs every 2 or 3 years after proclaiming the status of rabies free country
3)			Changes in National Law and Regulations against infectious diseases regarding rabies
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