

Rabies in GEORGIA

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INTRODUCTION

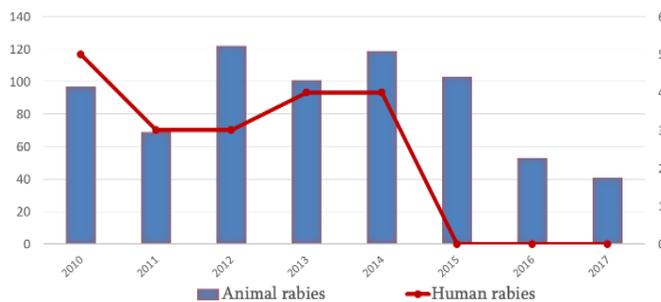
Rabies is an important public health issue, which remains a priority disease for the government and is on the list of urgent notifiable diseases in Georgia. Rabies data are available since 1930. As a result of post exposure prophylaxis and effective domestic animals' vaccination campaigns no human rabies cases have been registered in the country since 2015.

HUMAN RABIES IN 2017

N° of animal bites - 52 008

N° of rabies deaths - 0

Number of animal and human rabies cases, 2010-2017



ANIMAL RABIES IN 2017

40 Animal Cases/20 Dog Cases

Laboratory confirmed - 40 Animal Cases

N° dogs vaccinated - 264,398 owned Dog and Cat and 3,440 stray dogs (Tbilisi)

% dogs vaccinated - 88 % of owned Dog and Cat

Rabies Cases in Animals 2013 - 2017



POST-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS (PEP)

Vaccination schedule (route/n° doses) - Essen 5-dose regimen

Vaccine used - Speeda, Liaoning Cheng Da Biotechnology Co., China

N° of persons who received PEP - 45 794

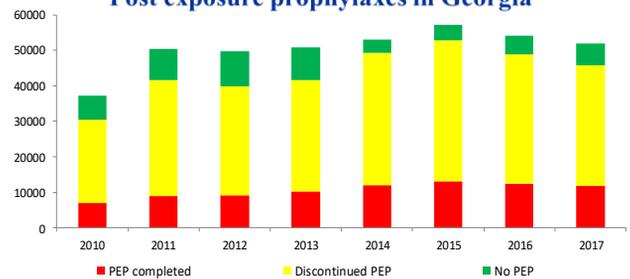
N° of persons who received RIG - 9 880

Who pays for PEP? - Central Government

PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS (PrEP)

N° of persons who received PrEP - 8

Post exposure prophylaxes in Georgia



Description of the inter-ministerial zoonosis unit -In 2013 One Health Team was formed with representatives from National Food Agency, Laboratory of the Ministry of Agriculture, National Center for Disease Control and Public Health and international agencies, which meet every three months to exchange information on actions, recommendations, progress and future plans related to the zoonosis, including rabies.

KEY ACTION POINTS

Actions	Achieved or Progress so far?	Challenges	Future actions
1) World rabies day activities	Since 2013 Georgia got actively involved of the initiative of World Rabies Day which included press conference, animal vaccination and awareness campaigns all over the country.	All target groups were not covered During awareness campaigns	Conduct specific awareness campaigns for different target groups
2) Country wide domestic dogs and cats vaccination Campaign	Since 2013 Georgia are established rabies mass vaccination of domestic dogs and cats.	Stray dog population in the districts were not vaccinated as this is responsibility of the local municipalities, except Tbilisi.	Increase vaccination coverage. To conduct preventive measures in stray dogs in cooperation with the Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure and local government
3) Information, Education and Communication	Between 2013-2017 an educational campaign was conducted, during which educational materials on rabies were distributed among the population and in schools.	All target groups were not covered during awareness campaigns	To expand educational campaign.