

CURRENT RABIES SITUATION IN CROATIA

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RABIES FACTS

Urban rabies existed in the Republic of Croatia in the last century (till 1950.)

Mandatory dog vaccination was introduced in 1948.

Urban rabies was eradicated 2 years later, in 1950.

The last human rabies case was registered in 1964.

Since then, there were 2 imported cases of human rabies; first in 1989; second in 1995. Both were from the Republic of Bosnia and Hercegovina.

Registered rabies vaccines for PEP and PReP are: RABIPUR (PCEC vaccine)

HDC vaccine

VERO vaccine is not officially registered

PEP and PReP are free of charge

(Government pay all the costs)

Only travellers pay for the vaccines for protection on their travel (HDC costs 65 Euros/1 dose; Rabipur 53 Euros/1 dose)

We had our own production of HRIG, but it was discontinued in 2013 due to bankruptcy of Zagreb Institute of Immunology.

Oral vaccination of foxes in Croatia

1991 – 1996 for the first time, but it was discontinued due to War in Croatia

1998 for the second time, but only at Zagreb and Zagreb County region – also discontinued

2010 – started for the third time up to day

Vaccine: SAD Bern (outstanding results!)

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From 2015 – 2017 there were no positive rabies isolates found neither in domestic animals nor in wildlife at the entire area of the Republic of Croatia

Picture 1. Silvatic rabies in Croatia 2015 - 2017

Source: Friedrich-Löffler Institute, Germany

From: <https://www.who-rabies-bulletin.org/Queries/Maps.aspx>



Therefore, the Office for Veterinary Affairs and Food Safety at the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Croatia, plans to proclaim the Republic of Croatia a rabies free country soon.



Thank you very much
for your attention !