

WRD - World Rabies Day - Action in Morocco

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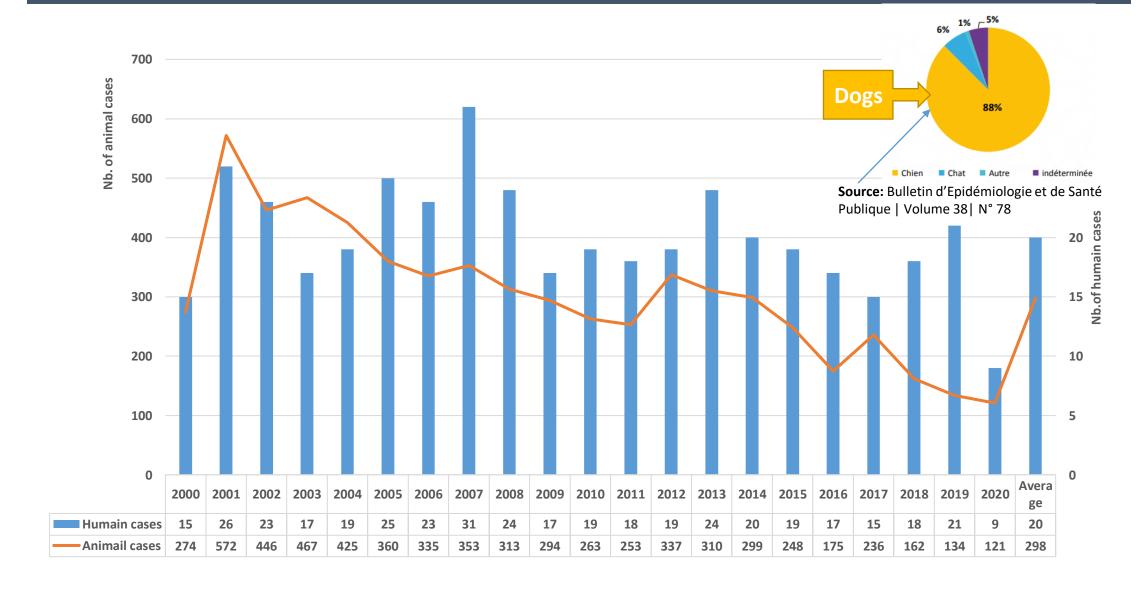
World Rabies Day Webinar: Celebrating action to maintain momentum

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Background

- Long history of rabies and the fight against rabies in Morocco:
 - Human vaccination since 1911 and Vaccination of dogs since 1925
 - National control program since 1986
 - National animal rabies vaccine manufacturing unit established in the country since 1996
 - Regular updating of control guidelines and celebration of World Rabies Day since its inception in 2007
- But, the control efforts deployed did not achieve the expected objectives :
 - Disease transmission persisted to date: animal and Human cases still occur in the country
 - Achieve adequate vaccination coverage in dog populations remains a difficult challenge
 - Other control measures such as post-exposure prophylaxis and sensitization remain suboptimal
- How to make the elimination of rabies a reality in the country?
- How can we really benefit from the celebration of World Rabies Day?

Rabies kills again and again in Morocco

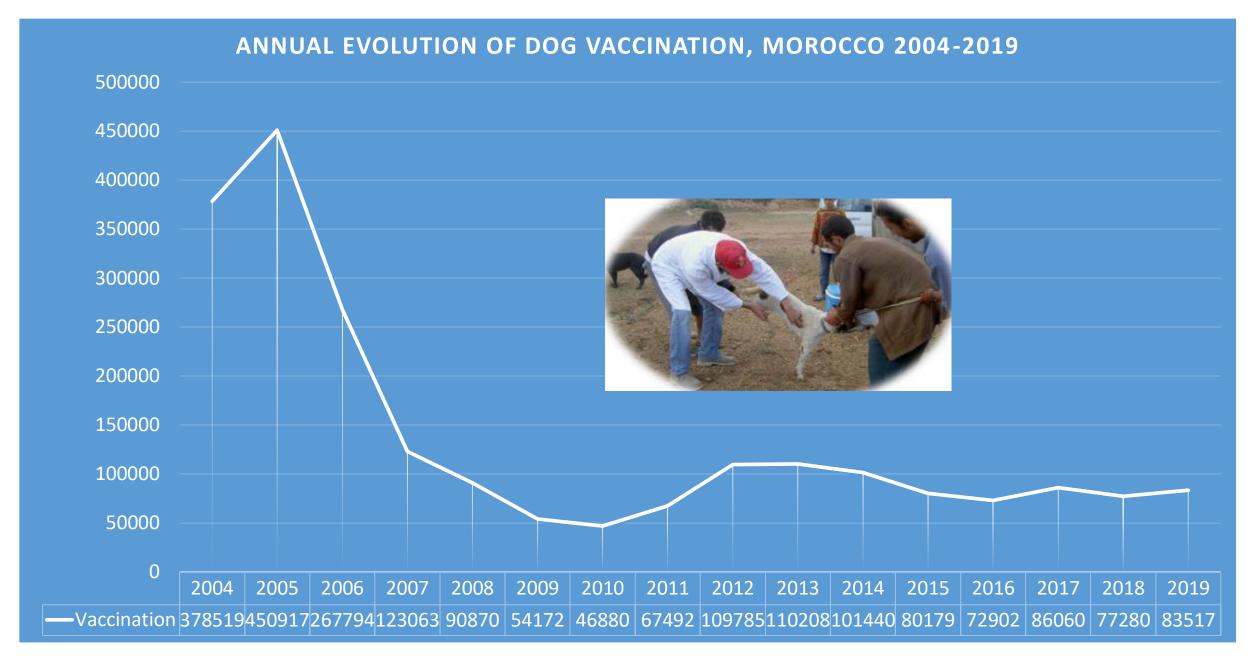


Rabies Elimination: Can it be done?



- Vaccinating 70% of at-risk dogs is enough to eliminate dog rabies.
- Getting adequate vaccination coverage in dog populations in developing countries is a complicated process.
- Focused campaigns have been ongoing for many years, with rabies transmission persisting.





Source of data: ONSSA

Continuous actions since the establishment of World Rabies Day

SELD RABIES DE LA TRANSPORTE DE LA TRANS

- Celebration of World Rabies Day since 2007 at national, regional and local levels:
 - National Rabies Forum: 1st one in 2015 and second one in 2017
 - Round tables
 - Seminars and training workshops
 - Awareness campaigns
 - Field activities: mini dog vaccination campaigns
- Different themes each year but common goal: to beat rabies



CÉLÉBRATION DE LA JOURNÉE MONDIALE CONTRE LA RAGE



LA RAGE : - VACCINER - ÉLIMINE

28 Septembre 2016 - IAV Hassan II





COMMÉMORATION DE LA JOURNÉE MONDIALE DE LA RAGE

Sous le thème:

« La rage tue ... Ensemble pour la vaincre »

(28 - 29 septembre 2012 à Shirate - Témara)







Implementation of the recommendations of the WRD 2016 and the forum of 2017

- Educate: give more interest to the training of actors:
 - In 2018: development of a tutorial (Didacticiel) by the AMLR for E-learning in rabies (http://www.pasteur.ma)
 - In 2019: Multicounty workshop Surveillance and Control of Rabies (Algeria, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Senegal and Tunisia) Workshop on

Vaccinate:

- Increase in rabies centers (265 in 2017 to 687 in 2020)
- Reflections on the tools and means to increase the vaccination coverage of dogs: no tangible results to date

• Eliminate:

Develop an elimination plan (not yet)





Usual partners





























Actions planned for 2021 by the AMLR





- Organization of the 3rd national rabies forum
- Development and dissemination of a Policy Brief for advocacy:
 - Objective: more political and community commitment for the elimination of rabies
 - Targets: Ministries involved, UN agencies (WHO, OIE, FAO), learned societies and NGOs
 - Leader: AMLR and other civil society partners
 - **Key message:** How does a country that has a manufacturing unit for the rabies vaccine in animals and whose vaccination is free fail to achieve ideal vaccination coverage for dogs?

Expected results of the Policy brief



- Development and implementation of the 2022-2030 Rabies Elimination Action Plan
 - At least 1 million owned dogs to be vaccinated per year;
 - Better management of stray dog populations: Collection, chemical and surgical sterilization Rabies
 - Vaccination at all Primary Health Care Establishments under the Ministry of Health (move from 687 rabies vaccination center to about 2112 rabies vaccination points by 2025)
 - Communication plan
 - Training plan (Basic and continuing) on rabies for human and animal health personnel
 - Better organized and more active intersectoral collaboration
 - Application of international recommendations including the recommendations of the last meeting of the OIE (Tunis 2019)

- OIE rabies meeting (Tunis, July 2019) expected to move countries forward towards effective rabies elimination strategies in North Africa!
- To celebrate "World Rabies Day" together ... ?





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Thank you for your attention

