



Special
Days

LESSON PLANS

for

Internationally recognized

SPECIAL DAYS

[with an animal component]



The **United Nations** has designated certain days in the calendar as **International Days** in order to shine a spotlight on **important aspects of human life.**



28 SEPTEMBER

The content of this Lesson Plan supports
World Rabies Day



Rabies is 100% vaccine preventable

Now,
Canine Rabies
which is **endemic** in
many parts
of the world,
including Africa,
is under the spotlight.

South Africa has an important
role to play in reaching the
World Health Organization's target of
ZERO cases of human rabies spread
by infected dogs, by 2030.

endemic

a disease or condition
regularly found among
particular people or
animals in a certain area



Zero by 30
28 September - World Rabies Day

The race is on!



So far, many rabies-endemic countries globally, including many in Africa, are making great progress towards the Zero by 2030 goal.

We can all play a part to help South Africa reach the goal of Zero by 2030.

What is *Rabies*?

Like Covid-19, rabies is a **zoonotic disease**.

**zoonotic
disease**

a disease that can
spread from an
animal to people

The virus causes inflammation of the brain and is fatal.
It spreads through saliva.



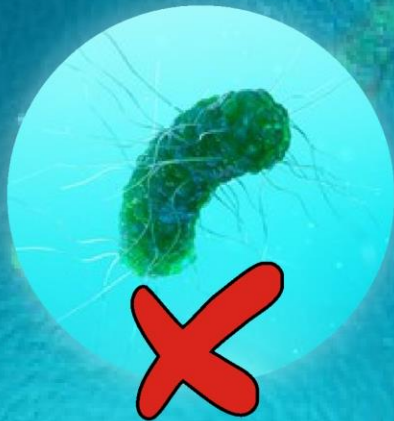
Free-roaming dogs can come into contact with rabid animals and spread the disease.

Symptoms include **fever, weakness, confusion,** and **spasms in the throat** that prevent swallowing.



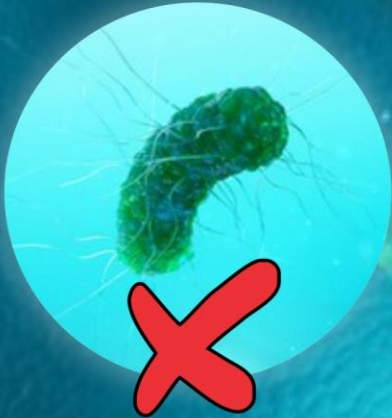
Virologist Dr Terence Scott at the Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC), says:

‘ Canine Rabies is endemic in Africa and the elimination of this horrible fatal disease requires open classroom discussions so that people can become part of the project to eliminate it. Every person should ensure that their dog is vaccinated against rabies. ’



Dr Scott says:

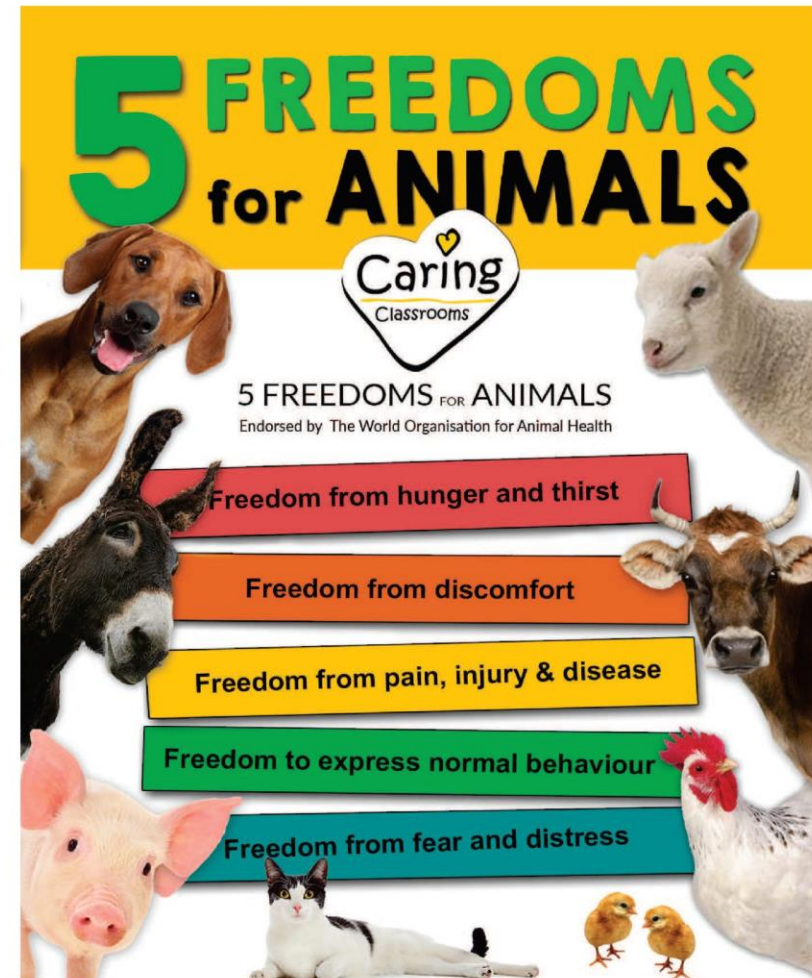
‘Dogs are known as man's best friend and we owe ourselves – and them – protection from rabies. In this way we save both human and animal lives.’



Facts about...

Canine Rabies

- Canine Rabies is a **100% preventable** disease
- Canine Rabies requires a simple **vaccination of dogs.**
- The **elimination** of Canine Rabies is part of **responsible pet ownership** as set out in **The Five Freedoms for Animals**



Canine Rabies

Vaccination in Action!



ZERO by 2030

Canine Rabies



Support your country
and the global community
in **eliminating rabies**
worldwide.



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YOU
KNOW ?

Some DOG facts ☀

Dogs have been closely **linked to the welfare of humans** for thousands of years. It is not for nothing that they are known as ***Man's best Friend.***



Says Dr Scott:

“ *Dogs have always served us well. We can serve them best by good guardianship as set out in the Five Freedoms for Animals, and by helping to eliminate Canine Rabies across Africa.* ”





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