Local governments, municipalities and dog rabies control

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GETTING BACK TO BASICS

SUSTAINABILITY

ACCESSIBILITY

ECOLOGY

WELFARE

VACCINE DELIVERY

Awareness
HOW ARE WE DOING?
VACCINE

SOP's/ACTS

REGULATIONS

GUNSLINGER:

• Acquires
• Prepares
• Applies
Having a look at the KZN example and the role of local authorities.
1. Authority is delegated to provinces under national Act’s.
2. Rabies is a controlled disease in SA.
3. Roles Players:
   1. Health
   2. Veterinary
   3. Welfare
   4. Municipal
   5. Tribal
   6. Political
   7. Private

42 – Hospitals
572 – Clinics
89 – Enviro Health Practitioners
5352 - Community Health Workers
6389 – Homebased Care Givers
16 Vets
160 AHT’s
2 Lab’s
What is the reality on the ground?

Veterinary and health controls are influenced by:
- Other disease priorities (FMD, HIV)
- Finances/Resources
- Management (good and bad)

Municipal controls are influenced by:
- Basic needs such as water, electricity
- Finances/Resources
- Management (good and bad)
SO WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

• ALMOST INFINITE VARIABILITY
• LACK OF SUSTAINABILITY
• VARIABILITY IN SERVICE RENDERING
• LACK OF ESSENTIAL SERVICES
• POOR COOPERATION

AND YET WE ARE STILL ACHIEVING!..WHY??
• SINGLE POINT OF REFERENCE
  • Rabies Action Groups
  • Champions
    • Support
    • Innovation
    • Sustainability
    • Sponsorship
ONE OF KZN’s CHAMPIONS

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- Mentoring
- Supporting
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