

Guidelines for Mass Dog Vaccination

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World Animal Protection advocates for humane rabies control through mass dog vaccination and humane management of dog populations. We work in Asia-Pacific, Africa, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East to promote welfare-friendly and sustainable solutions in areas where human–dog conflict, such as rabies, exists.

Through our work with countries and partners in the Asia-Pacific region, we identified a need for comprehensive, user-friendly guides to support countries in the planning or implementation of mass dog vaccination programmes.

In collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organisation Indonesia, and drawing on existing resources from the Global Alliance for Rabies Control, the World Organisation for Animal Health and other organisations, we have produced the resource 'Guidelines for Mass Dog Vaccination'. These are a set of nine guides covering the planning and implementation of mass dog vaccination programmes, and rapid response to suspect rabid dogs. They include clear instructions on each step/component of a programme including materials required, recommended personnel, risks and references. The guides can be used individually or as a complete set depending on the current status of the programmes. The guides aim to support a range of personnel including national and local government officials, community leaders, dog-handling and vaccination teams, and rapid response teams.

The Guidelines have been distributed widely and are also available online for download. They have been used throughout the Asia-Pacific as well as in other regions globally, by governments, IGOs and NGOs.

This poster further discusses this comprehensive resource as well as outlining how they have been used globally.