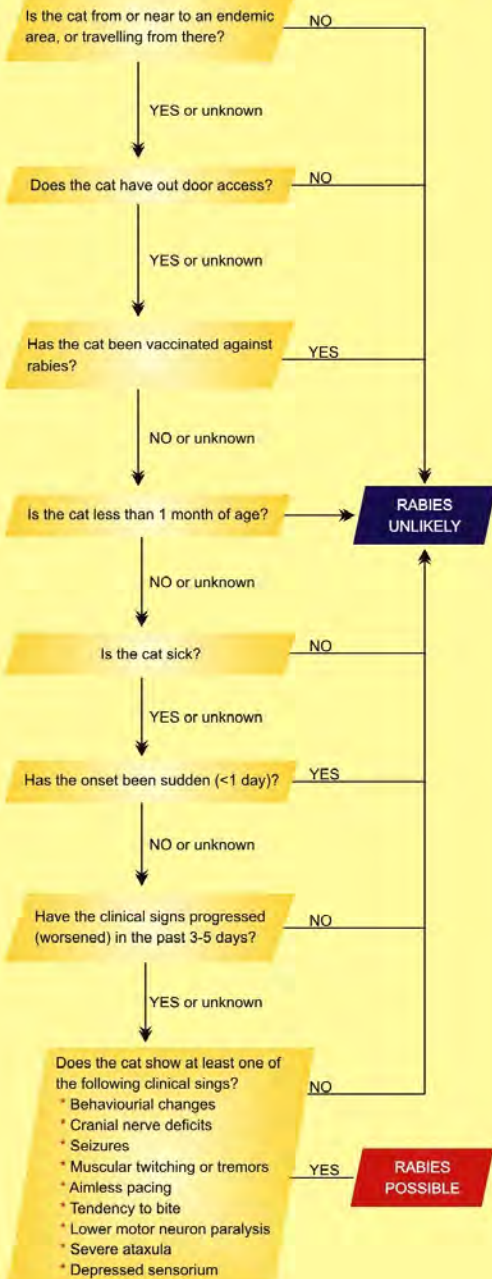


Assessing the likelihood of rabies



DO YOU KNOW ABOUT RABIES?



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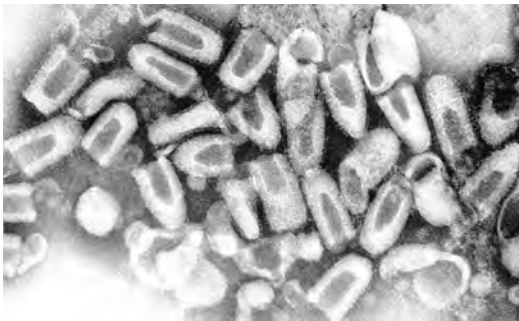
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What Is Rabies?

Rabies is an infectious disease of all mammals including cats, hamsters, squirrels and other rodents maintained as pets.

It infects the brain and spinal cord and is invariable a fatal infection.

Rabies is transmitted to humans and other animals by bite of an infected animal.



Rabies is caused by Lyssa virus

Signs that could arise suspension of Rabies in a cat

- Any unexplained aggressive behavior or sudden change in behavioral change must be considered suspicious.
- Cats usually manifest rabies as a furious and dumb form. About 90% of rabid cats show the furious form.
- Signs such as salivation, seizures, twitching, tremors, disorientation, fear, photophobia and paralysis may be seen.
- Cats often die of the disease in 3-4 days after clinical signs are seen.
- Supervise and educate children as cat bites occur when children interact with cats.



An aggressive cat

Rabies is a fatal disease and there is one Human death due to Rabies every 10 minutes. Rabies claims more than 55,000 deaths in Asia and Africa.

- Talk to a veterinarian to get more information on rabies and how to keep your pet healthier



World Rabies Day

28th September is World Rabies Day

Please visit www.worldrabiesday.org to find more about the events being organized all over the world.

World Rabies Day is observed on the 28th of September every year to raise awareness about the impact of human and animal rabies, its prevention and to eliminate the main global sources.

What if I am bitten by a cat or a rodent?

- Don't panic.
- Wash the wound and surrounding area around the bite thoroughly with soap and running water.
- Seek medical attention as soon as possible. You might require a post-exposure treatment.