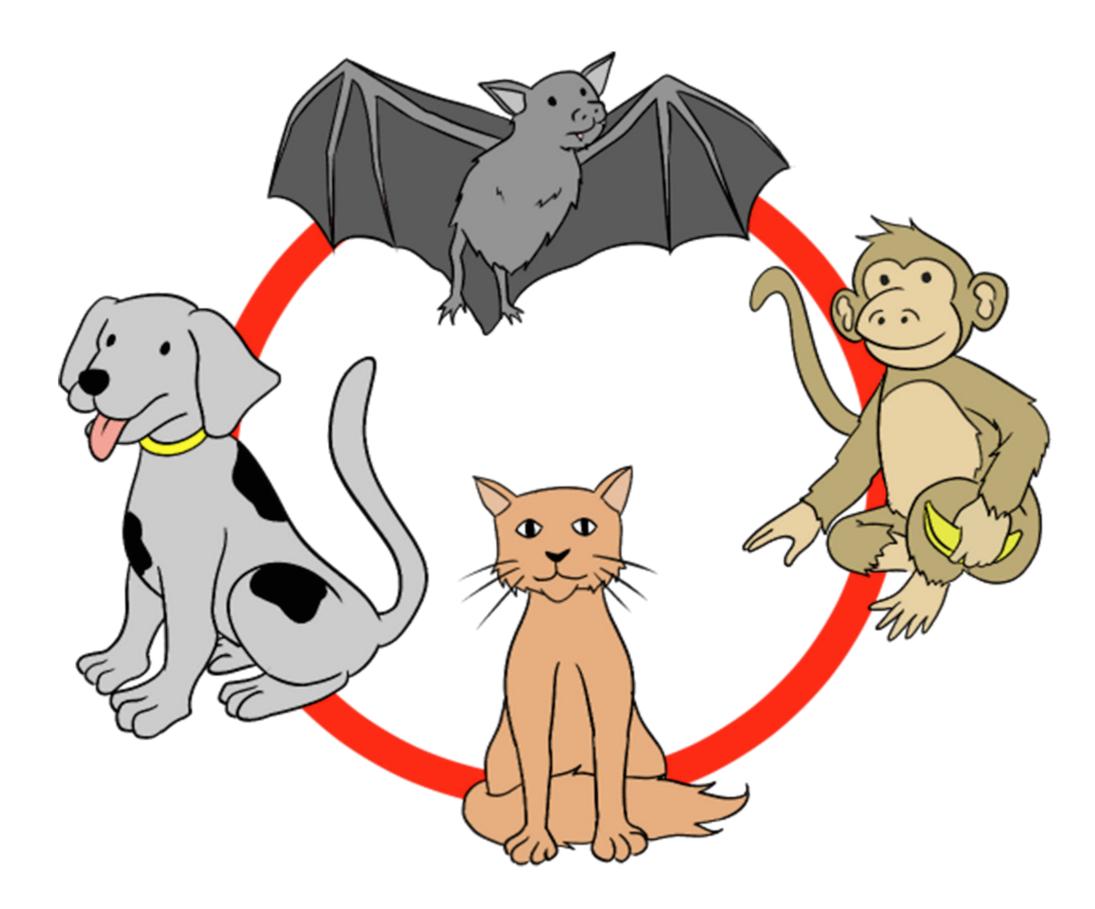


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## What is RABIES ?

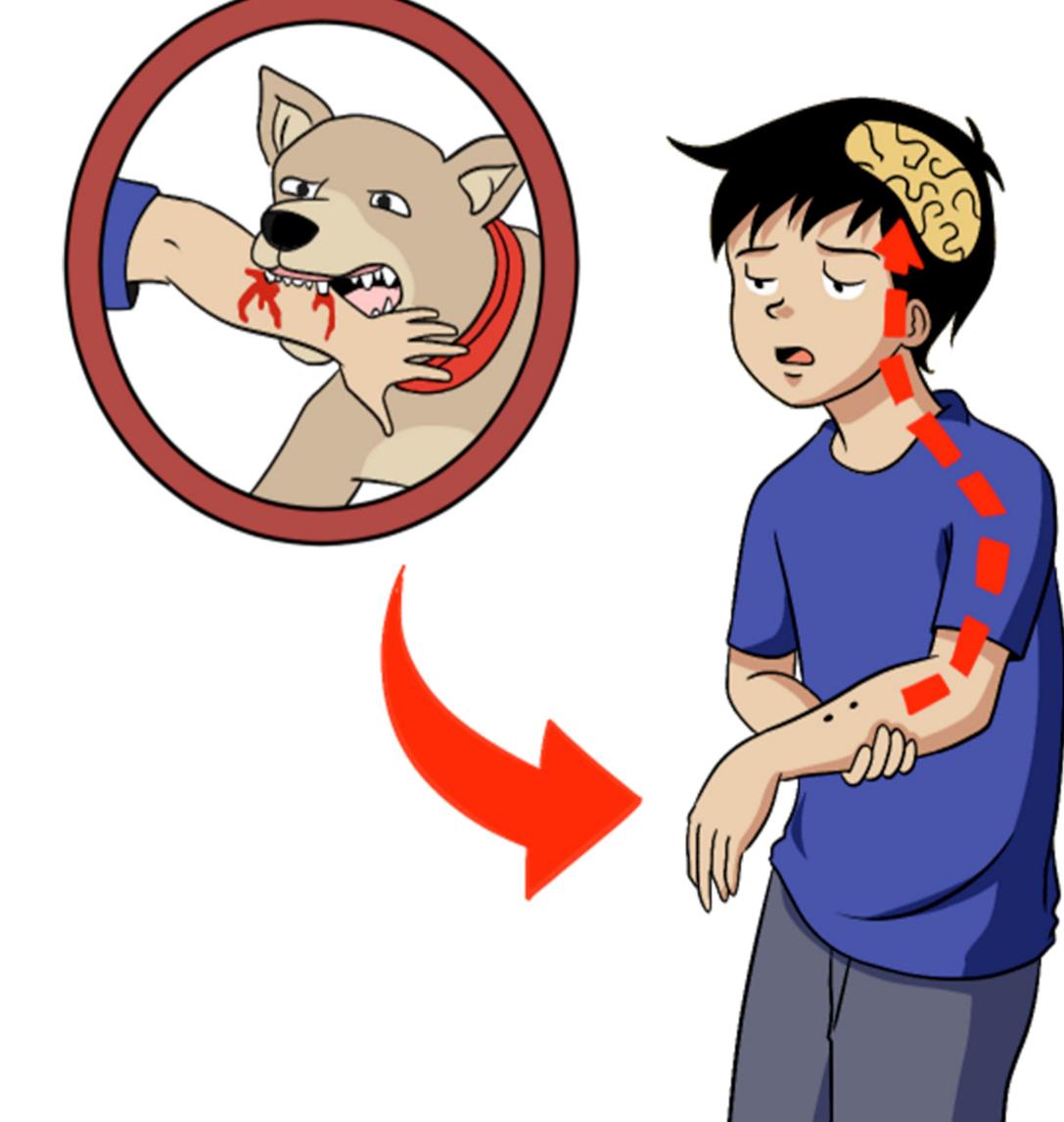
- Rabies is a deadly disease caused by a virus.
- It affects the brain and has no cure.
- Rabies is a zoonotic disease, meaning it can be transmitted to people from animals.
- It is a disease that can affect any mammal.





### HOW DO WE GET rabies?

1. The virus enters the body through the saliva of an infected animal, usually through a bite.



**2.** The virus reproduces at the site of the bite wound and moves up to the brain.



### HOW DO WE GET rabies?

**3.** Once the virus reaches the brain, it reproduces and spreads to different parts of the body such as the salivary glands. The person bitten usually shows signs of the disease after 1-3 months.



**4.** The victim becomes paralyzed and will eventually die about a week after they have shown symptoms of rabies.

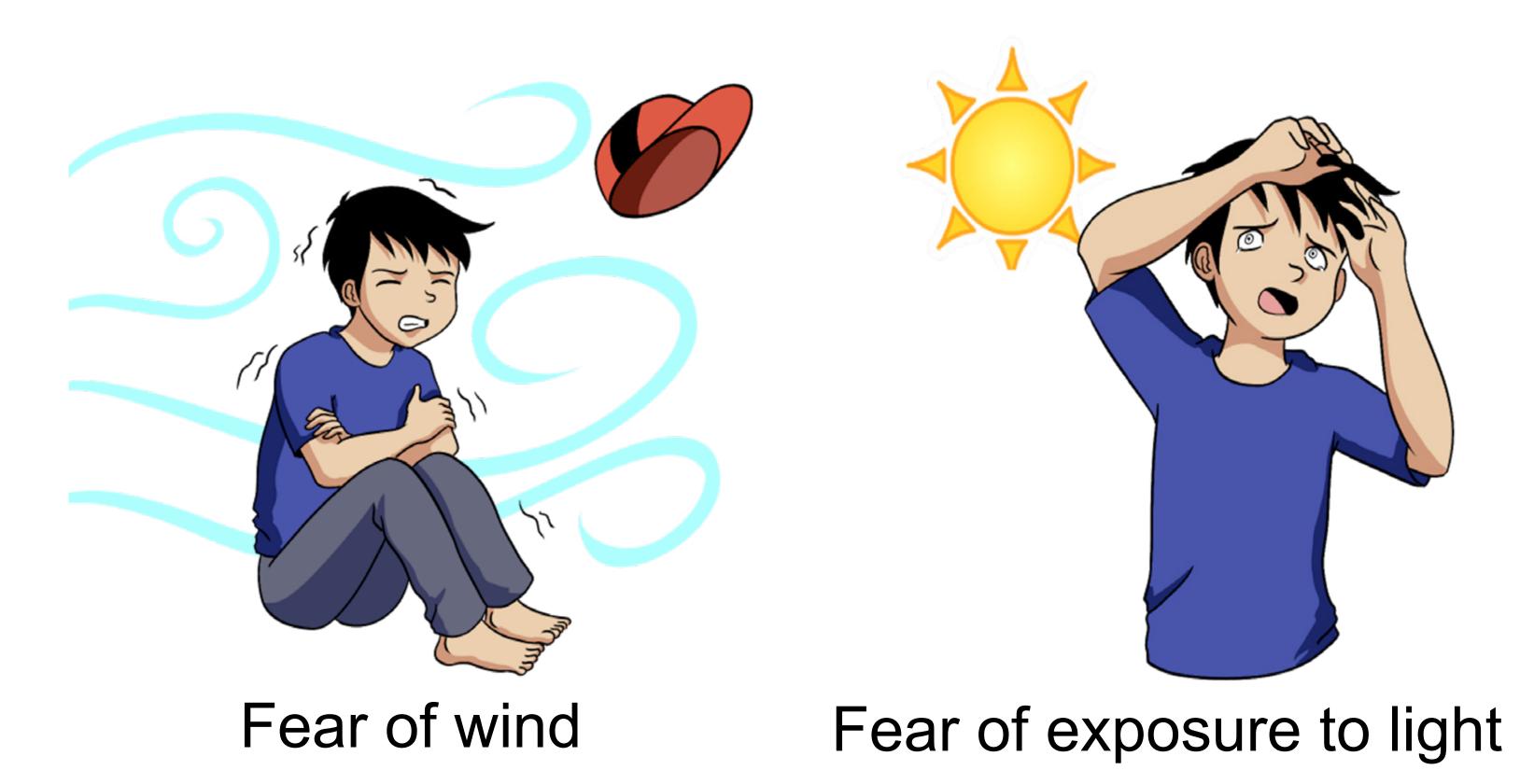


## What are possible **SIGNS** of rabies in humans?



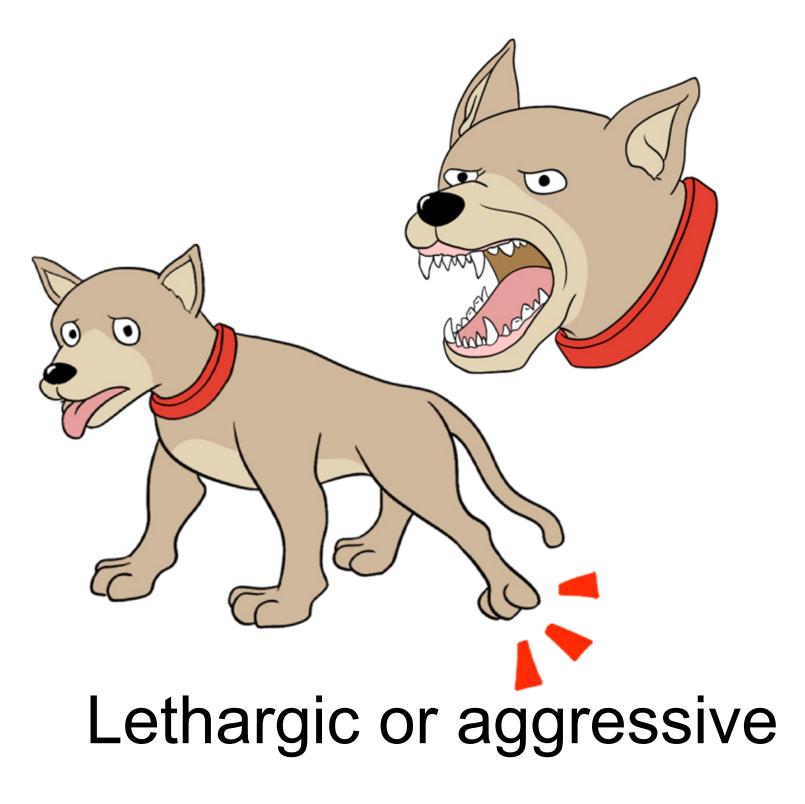


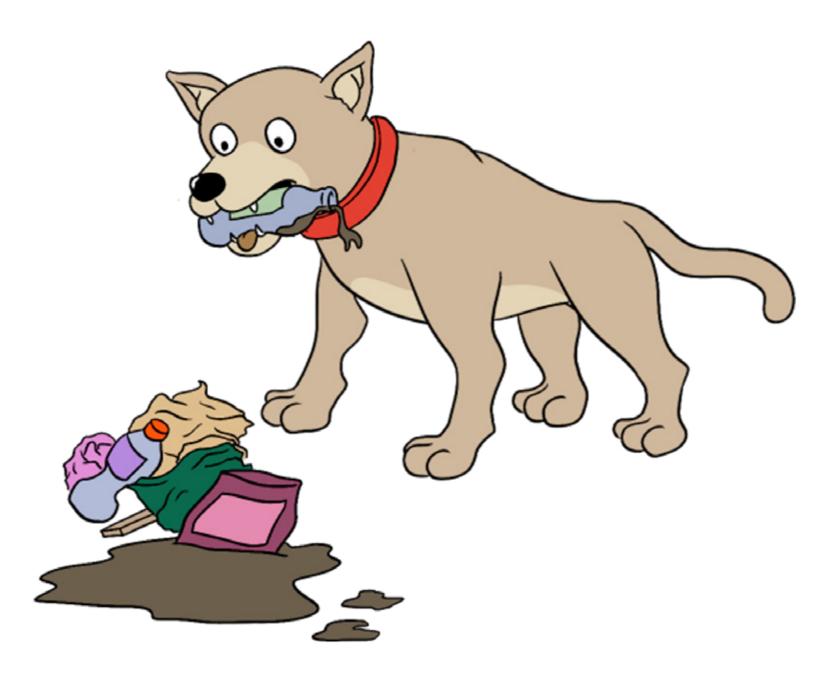
Fear of water



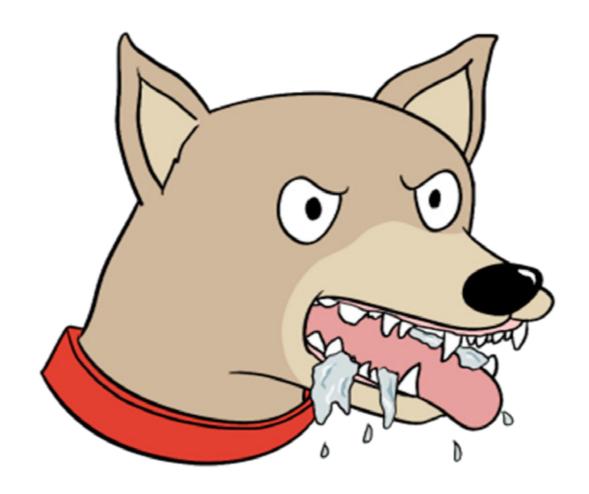
**Other signs:** Difficulty swallowing and breathing; seeing and hearing things (hallucinations); anxiety

## What are the possible **SIGNS** of rabies in animals?





They sometimes chew on strange things, such as rocks, dirt or wood





#### **Excessive drooling**

#### Fear of exposure to light

Other signs: Difficulty swallowing and breathing

# What should you do if an animal BITES you?



## Immediately wash the wound with soap and running water for 15 minutes

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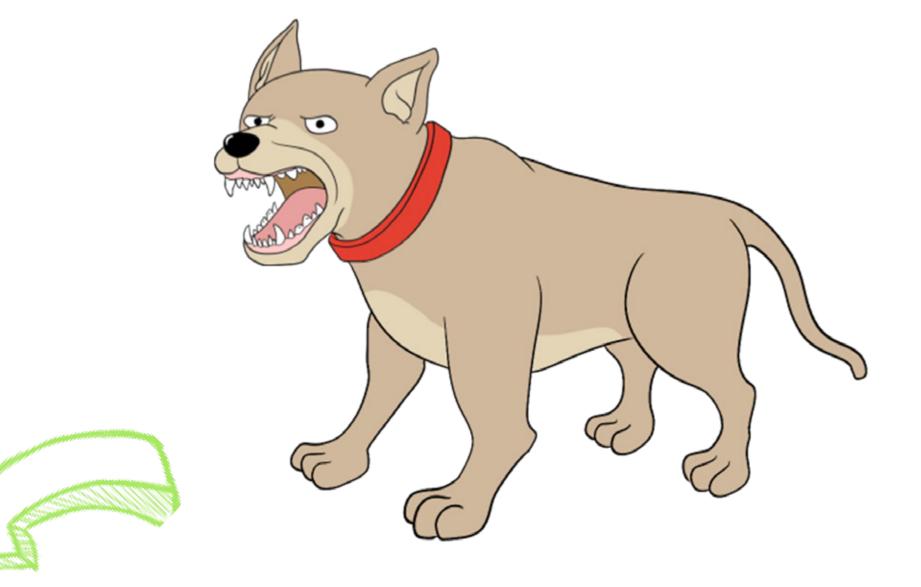


**2.** Disinfect the wound with alcohol or iodine solution.

<u>3.</u> Immediately consult a doctor or seek the nearest hospital or clinic in your area.



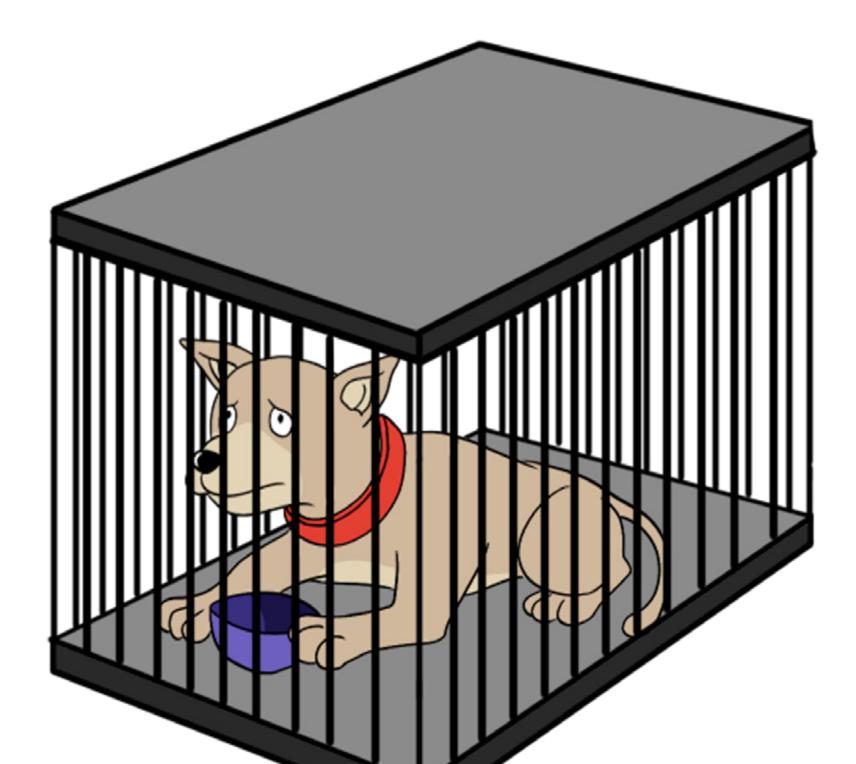
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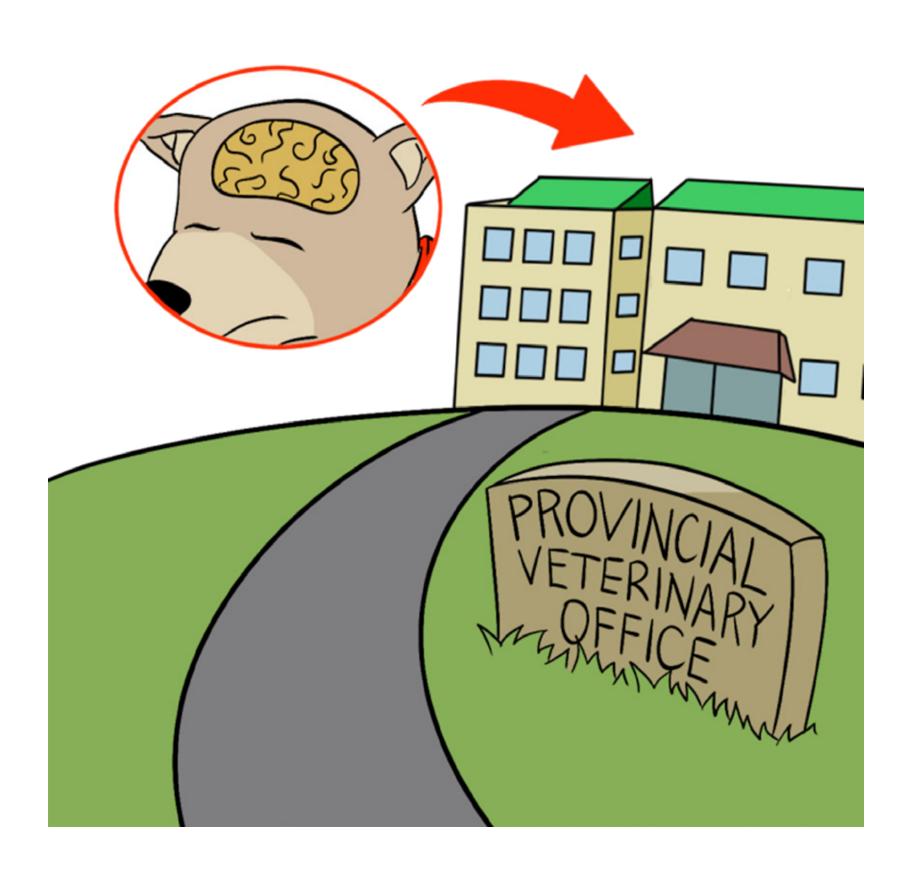


1. Do not kill the animal! Consult a veterinarian or Animal Control Service in your area so they can handle it.

# What should we do with the BITING ANMAL?

2. The animal should be given food, water and space to move around, but isolated from other animals and people, and should be watched for signs of rabies for 14 days.





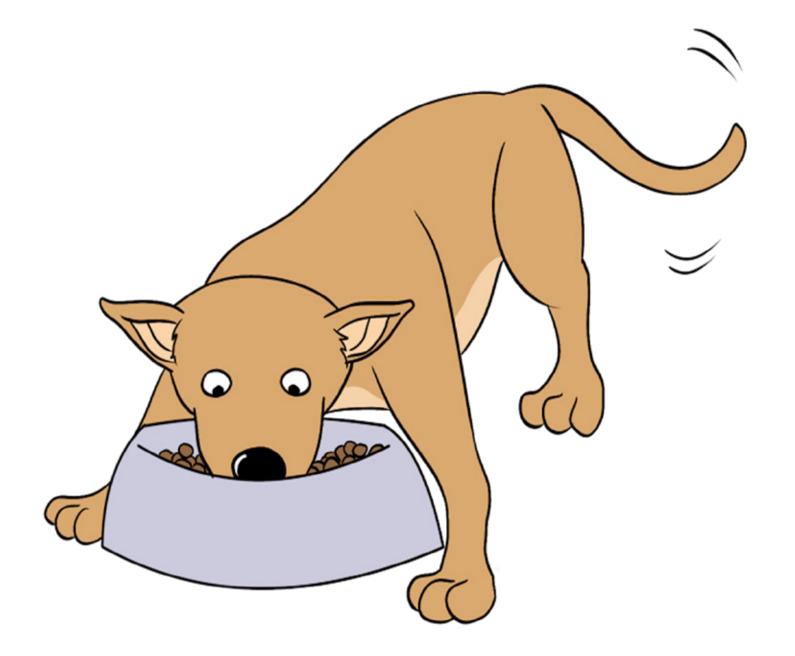
**3.** If the animal gets sick or dies within 14 days, it should be reported immediately to the nearest veterinarian in your area to have the body tested for rabies. If the animal is free of signs of rabies after 14 days, it can go back to its usual life.

## How can I PROTECT my PET ANIMAL AGAINST RABIES?



**1.** Have your dogs and cats vaccinated against rabies at 3 months of age and then every year.

2. Provide your pets with nutritious food, clean water and exercise.

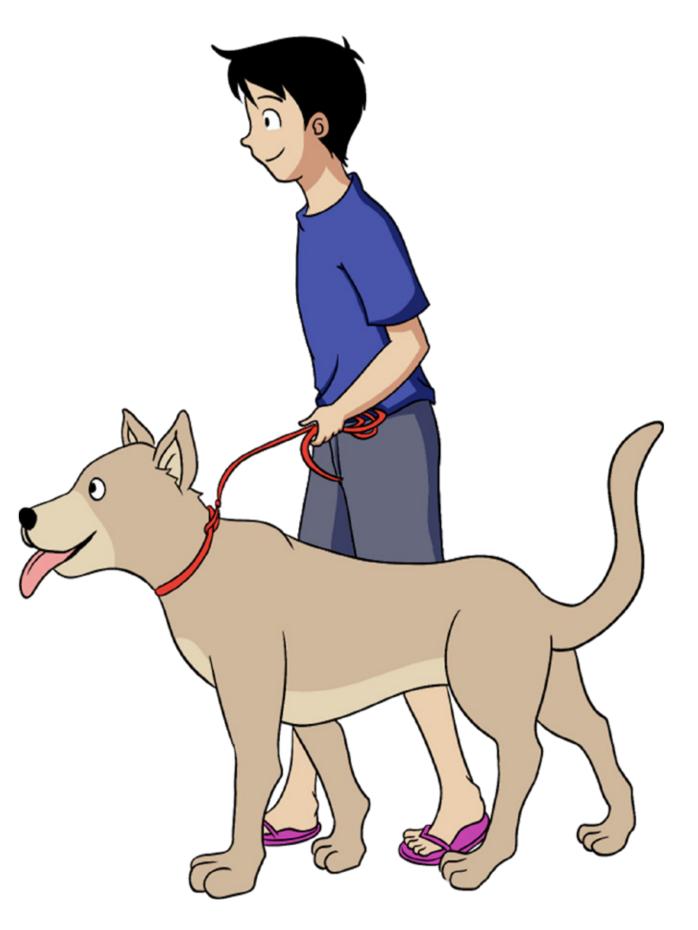


Be a responsible pet owner!

## How can I PROTECT my PET ANIMAL AGAINST RABIES?



**5**. Be sure to provide them with a clean and comfortable shelter.



**4**. Do not let them roam freely in the streets. Keep your dog on a leash when going out.

**5.** Do not keep your pet tied up all the time.

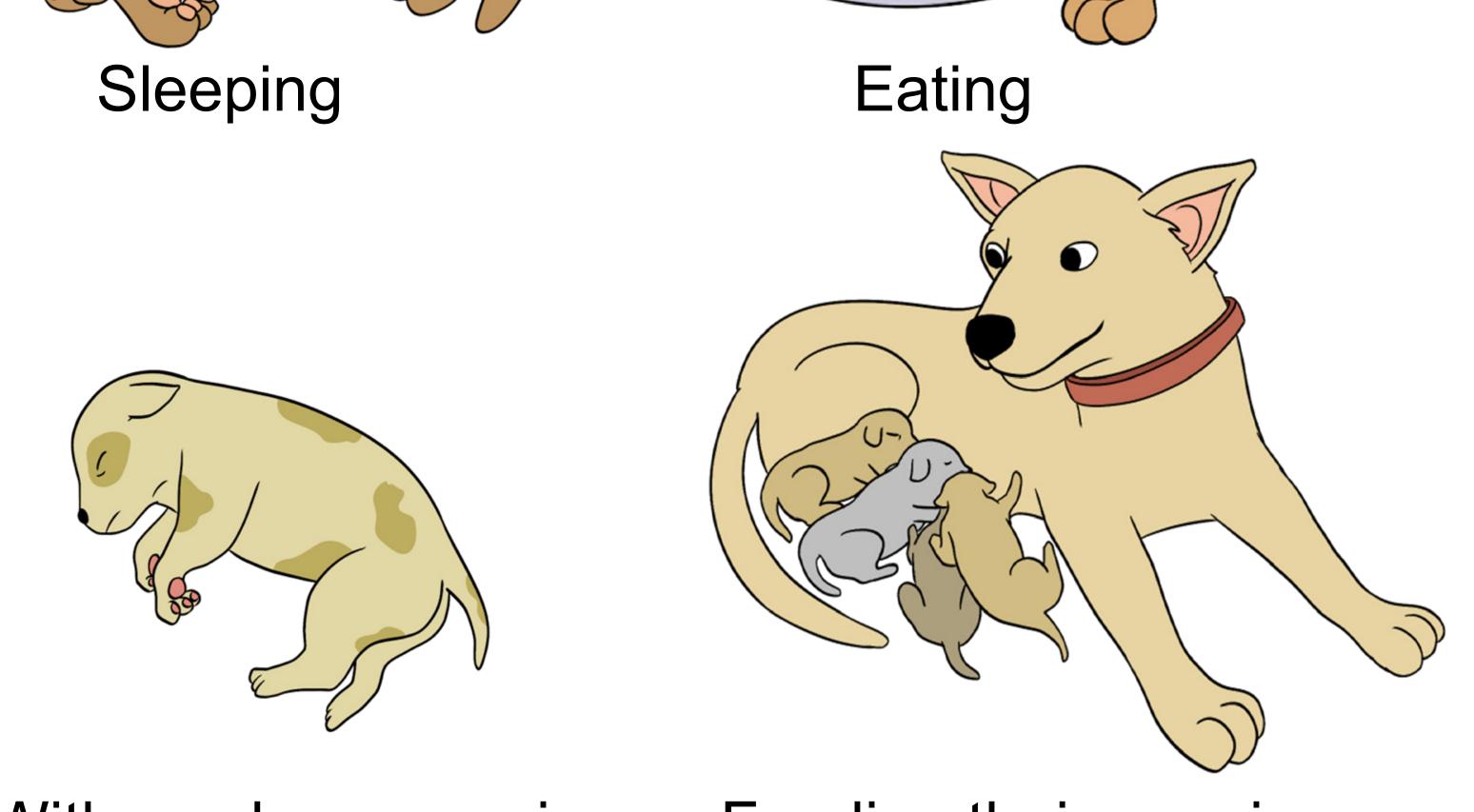


### Our laws about rabies are:

(Please add according to your country's law)

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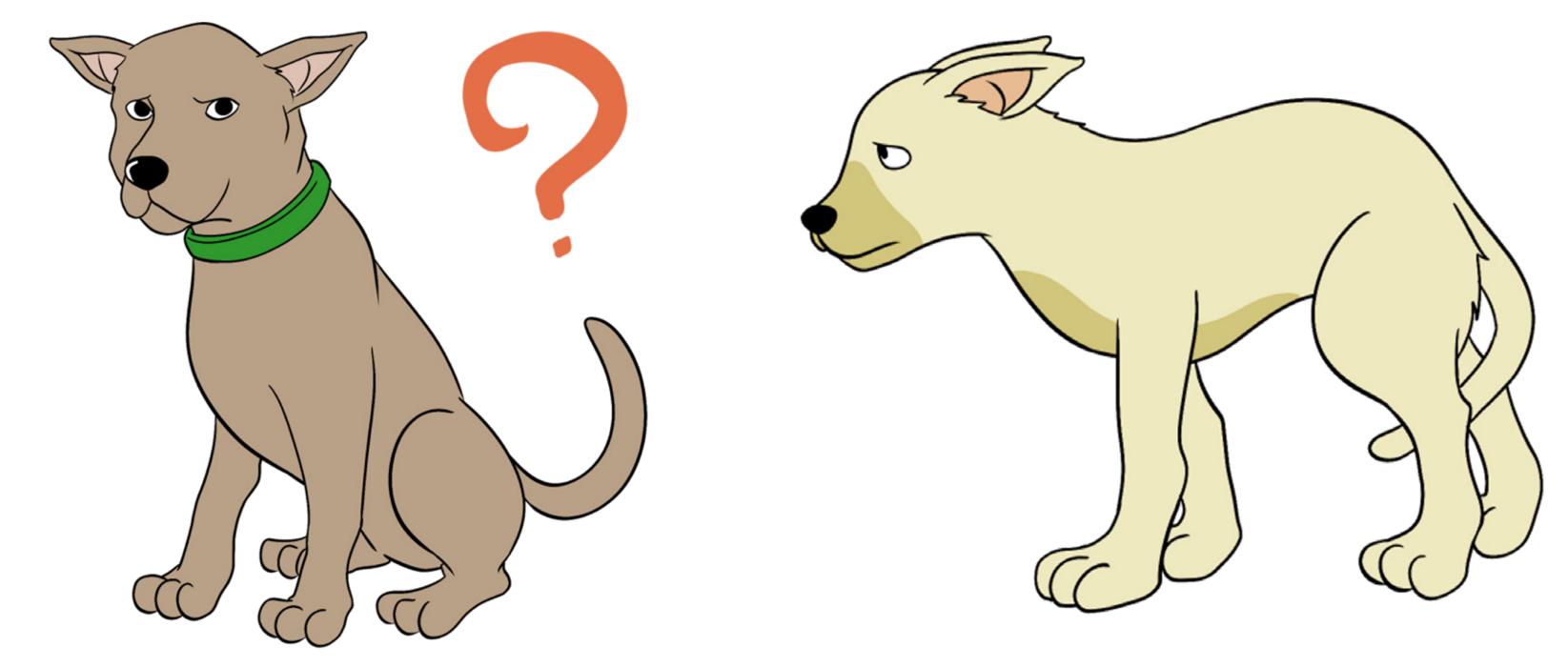
## How can I Avoid being BITTEN by DOGS? Do NOT go near or disturb dogs that are:



With newborn puppies

Feeding their puppies

### How can I AVOID being BITTEN by DOGS? Do <u>NOT</u> go near or disturb dogs that are:



#### Unknown to you







### How can I Avoid being BITTEN by DOGS? 1. Do <u>NOT</u>





#### Pull their ears or tail

#### Run from a dog



### How can I AVOID being BITTEN by DOGS? 1. DO NOT







## Play roughly with the dog

#### Stare directly at the dog