# #RabiesEndsHere

Let's discuss 5 common myths about rabies that people believe.

By staying informed of the facts, we can help others stay safe.

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Vaccinate your animal by visiting your local veterinarian or state veterinarian.

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#### Myth #1: Rabies is not preventable







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#### Myth#2: Rabies is curable

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**FACT:** Rabies is almost always fatal once clinical signs appear. No specific treatment is available for clinical rabies.

MYTH BUSTED

Although rabies is a fatal disease, survival is almost guaranteed if post exposure prophylactic treatment is administered immediately. Rare survival cases have been documented in at least 15 cases around the world.

Reference: World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and World Health Organisation (WHO)

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## Myth #3: Rabies is only transmitted by dog bites

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**MYTH BUSTED** 

FACT: Although most people associate rabies with dog bites, other animals such as cats, mongooses, jackals and other wild animals can also infect people. Rabies is transmitted through contact with the saliva (i.e. bites, licks or scratches) of an infected animal.

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