



# Veterinary Association of Namibia

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## 14<sup>th</sup> WORLD RABIES DAY



**DATE:** 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020

**VENUE:** ANY VENUE SUITABLE FOR BOTH THE PRIVATE AND STATE VETERINARIAN

**THEME:** “END RABIES: COLLABORATE, VACCINATE”

**THE BIGGER DREAM:** To commit to the 2030 goal of eliminating rabies deaths

The **World Rabies Day** (WRD) is celebrated annually on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September to increase awareness about rabies prevention and to emphasize its zoonotic ramifications.

**Why should ALL veterinarians be involved in celebrating this day?**

1. Rabies is a terrible scourge for both humans and animals and the control of this disease needs dedicated efforts from all of us.
2. More than 59 000 people die of rabies every year, all of which are 100% preventable with proper education and timely treatment.
3. The majority of the victims that die as result of rabies are children under the age of 15. Consequently, our target audience for WRD celebration must be children.

4. Every time someone is educated about rabies there is a possibility of saving their life!

**Is Rabies getting the priority it deserves in Namibia?**

The WRD belongs to everyone and those in the veterinary profession should dedicate their efforts in celebrating this day.

Every veterinarian is requested to participate in their own way either by arranging a vaccination day or by giving a talk to farmers or to learners at schools.

Please provide us with feedback on the number of pets vaccinated and/or the number of learners present at an event.

Basic PowerPoint Presentations will be provided to you that you can edit according to your needs.

Choose a school to present it at and let us know how it went! Pictures for the Manga will be appreciated.

You can also register your event here: <https://rabiesalliance.org/world-rabies-day/register> to help promote it!

Yours in the fight against rabies,

**The VAN Executive Committee**