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Preventing Rabies

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If you have a dog or cat you probably know that a rabies shot is required for your pet. This is a very important part of preventing the spread of rabies. More than three hundred million dollars is spent each year to prevent rabies. And for good reason — rabies is fatal. Rabies is not very common in humans in the United States, but tens of thousands of people die from it in developing countries.

Rabies is spread by the bite of an infected animal. The virus is most common in wild animals, but globally, most human cases are still caused by dog bites. If you have a dog, cat, or ferret, be sure their vaccinations are up-to-date and keep them away from wild animals.

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