National Rabies Dialogue Session

“Rabies can be prevented through vaccination and collaboration”

Date: 29 September 2020
Time: 11h00 to 13h00

The Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development hereby invites dog & cat owners and community at large to a national dialogue session on rabies. Rabies is a zoonotic disease (which means that people can become infected if they make contact with an infected animal). The virus is shed in saliva and is spread mainly by the bite of an infected animal. Rabies affects the brain and is always fatal once a person or animals shows clinical signs. As a society we need concerted efforts to combat this disease through vaccinating our dogs and cats against rabies, to protect our communities.

TOPICS AND SPEAKERS

- Status of rabies in South Africa and strategies to fight it - **Dr Mpho Maja**, Director: Animal Health, Dept of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development
- Post Exposure Prophylaxis in humans – **Prof Lucille Blumberg/ Dr Jacqueline Weyer**, National Institute for Communicable Diseases
- Personal experience of the tragedy of rabies - **Ms Werna Venter**, representative of the “Carli Rooivlagbewusmakingsveldtog teen hondsdolheid” (Red Flag Awareness Campaign against Rabies).
- Additional panelists: Dr Alfred Kgasi (South African Veterinary Council) and South African Veterinary Association representative

**TOPIC:** Rabies can be prevented through vaccination and collaboration.

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Vaccinate your animal by visiting your local veterinarian or state veterinarian
Protect yourself, your family and your community against deadly rabies!

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