Rabies in South Africa

1. Canine hosted rabies in South Africa appears in four clear clusters, in the East of the country (see yellow circles.)
2. The remainder of the rabies is either Mongoose/Bat-eared fox or Jackal driven.
3. The focus for elimination of human rabies must be the control in the canine cycle areas, as 99% of all human cases originate from dogs.
4. Two human cases have occurred in Eastern Cape 2017.
5. However canine rabies can move as fast and as far as human movement, and so the whole country needs to be continually alert, and all dogs continue to be required to be vaccinated by law.