## WORLD RABIES DAY, 2023 – ALL FOR ONE, ONE HEALTH FOR ALL

#### **DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY & BIOCHEMISTRY**

## Why World Rabies Day is celebrated?

World Rabies Day is observed every year on 28<sup>th</sup> September to acknowledge the valuable contributions of Louis Pasteur who developed the first vaccine for Rabies disease which saved thousands of lives from this deadly viral disease. Incidentally, 28<sup>th</sup> September is the day Louis Pasteur passed away.

World Rabies Day was first observed on September 28, 2007. The event was organized in collaboration between the World Health Organization (WHO) along with the Alliance for Rabies Control and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), USA. Every year on September 28, World Rabies Day is commemorated with the primary goal of increasing public awareness of rabies. The purpose of the day is to encourage continuing efforts worldwide to prevent and control rabies.

## Objective of the event

To create awareness among staff and students on the aim of observing World Rabies Day, causes of Rabies, outcome of Rabies, symptoms, Diagnosis, Treatment, Prophylaxis and prevention of Rabies disease.

## Who participated in the event?

Staff of Microbiology and Biochemistry departments and other staff from Botany, Chemistry, Physics and mathematics and students of III B.Sc. [MB. BT. C.], III B.Sc. [MB. B. C.], III B.Sc. [MB. BT. C.], II B.Sc. [MB. BT. C.] groups have attended the event.

#### Time and venue of the event

Room No. F27 – Microbiology Lab; 11: 30 AM on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.

#### Outcome of the event

Staff and Students were provided awareness on the following facets of Rabies disease:

- 1. Rabies disease Aetiology
- 2. Annual burden of Rabies worldwide
- 3. Annual burden of Rabies in India
- 4. Why Rabies deaths are high in India?
- 5. Problems in tackling stray dogs
- 6. Measures to avoid Rabies disease
- 7. Mass vaccination of dogs
- 8. First aid to be given after a dog or wild animal bite
- 9. Consultation of physician
- 10. Post-bite prophylaxis immunoglobulin therapy and vaccine for human use.

Every responsible person who has knowledge on Rabies should strive to create awareness in public and together we have to strive so that Rabies disease will be a history. Rabies is 100 %

fatal disease. However, it is also  $100\,\%$  treatable disease. Don't neglect dog bites or wild animal bites. Take preventive care.

# **PHOTO GALLERY**























Laças of awareness against grabies can be quite harmful and fatal.









