

# Oral Vaccination of Dogs against Rabies (OVD): an additional tool for your toolbox?



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# Mass Dog Vaccination Campaigns: Cornerstone of (dog) rabies control

„Dog-mediated human rabies can be eliminated at source by vaccinating dogs ...“



central point vaccination



door-to-door vaccination



# Mass Dog Vaccination Campaigns: Cornerstone of dog rabies control



Review

Canine rabies vaccination and domestic dog population characteristics in the developing world: A systematic review

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## Review on Dog Rabies Vaccination Coverage in Africa: A Question of Dog Accessibility or Cost Recovery?

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## The Feasibility of Canine Rabies Elimination in Africa: Dispelling Doubts with Data

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Zambia	20%	De Balogh et al., 2003
Kenya	33%	Macharia et al (2003)
Malawi	12-20%	Chimera & Chikungwa (2001)
Namibia	12%	Mettler (2003)
Sudan	3%	Ali (2001)
Uganda	16%	Rutebarika (2003)



## Mass Dog Vaccination Campaigns: Cornerstone of dog rabies control

Several reasons have been identified to explain the difficulty in achieving high vaccination coverages

- campaigns are not well managed
- lack of awareness
- shortage in financial and/or human resources
- high turnover-rate of dog population
- charging a vaccination-fee
- poor quality of vaccine
- vaccines are not always handled or applied properly
- poor immune responsiveness of the vaccinated dog
- inaccessibility of a large fraction of the dog population (free-roaming dogs)



„Free-roaming dogs: Key in transmission of rabies,,  
(Prof Dr Be-Nazir Ahmed, Rabies Global Conference)



# Mass Dog Vaccination

The tools 'vaccine' and 'syringe' are there but how to reach the free-roaming dog with parenteral vaccines?



## Mass Dog Vaccination Campaigns: Cornerstone of dog rabies control

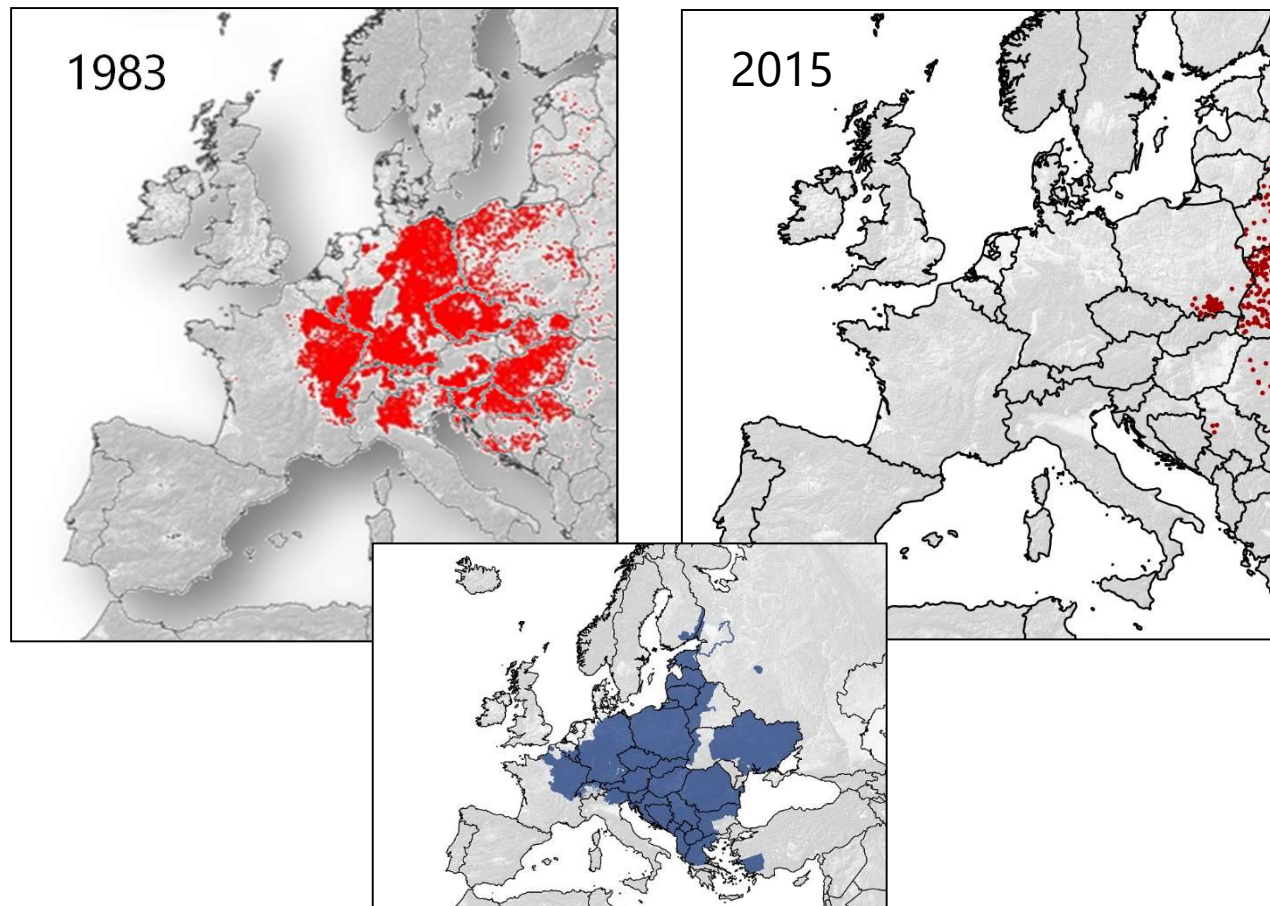
We can add some tools to capture the dogs ...



**Accessibility** of dogs defines the percentage of dogs in a given population which can be caught by a person without special effort (WHO, 1988)

# Oral vaccination of wildlife against rabies

Rabies incidence



Source: Friedrich Loeffler Institute, Insel Riems – Greifswald, Germany





## Oral vaccination of dogs against rabies

If it works for him, ...



why would it not work for her? ...



... it does!

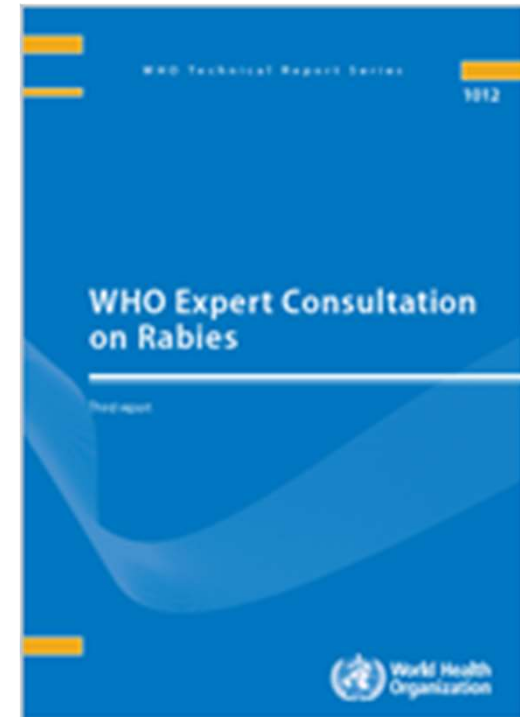




# Oral vaccination of dogs against rabies

WHO Expert Consultation on Rabies:  
WHO TRS N°1012 Third report

Mass parenteral canine vaccination campaigns ... are the mainstay of dog-mediated rabies control. ... **Oral rabies vaccination (OVD)** of dogs may improve coverage in situations in which dogs cannot be restrained or caught and should be used as a complementary measure to improve overall vaccination coverage in dog rabies control programmes



## Oral vaccination of dogs against rabies: field studies - Turkey



Istanbul, Turkey

Vaccination coverage [%]	Sarigazi	Ferhatpasa
Prior to campaign	18.0	15,5
Campaign at clinic	21.8	-
House-to-house campaign		
Parenteral	22.8	40.5
Subtotal	62.6	56.0
Oral	21.2	18.1
Total	83.8	74.1

# Oral vaccination of dogs against rabies: field studies - Philippines

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### Field trial with oral vaccination of dogs against rabies in the Philippines

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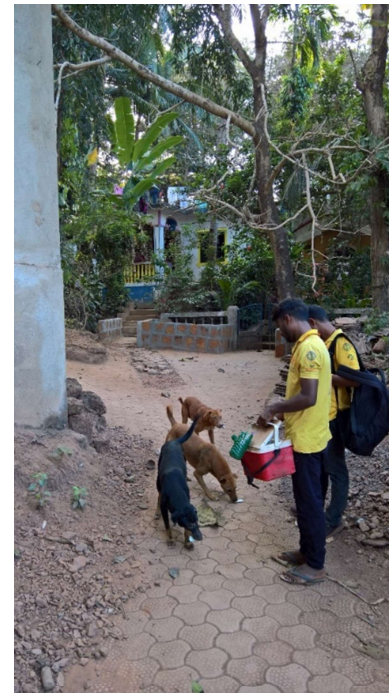


Mindoro, la Union, 11-12 June 2001

vaccination coverage

before campaign	0%
after campaign	76%*
- parenteral	(9%)
- oral	(67%)

\* - puppies not included





# Oral vaccination of dogs against rabies: field studies - Haiti

Mass dog vaccination campaign methods



Central point vaccination (CPV)

or



Capture-vaccinate-release (CVR)



Parenteral vaccination: accessible dogs

door-to-door

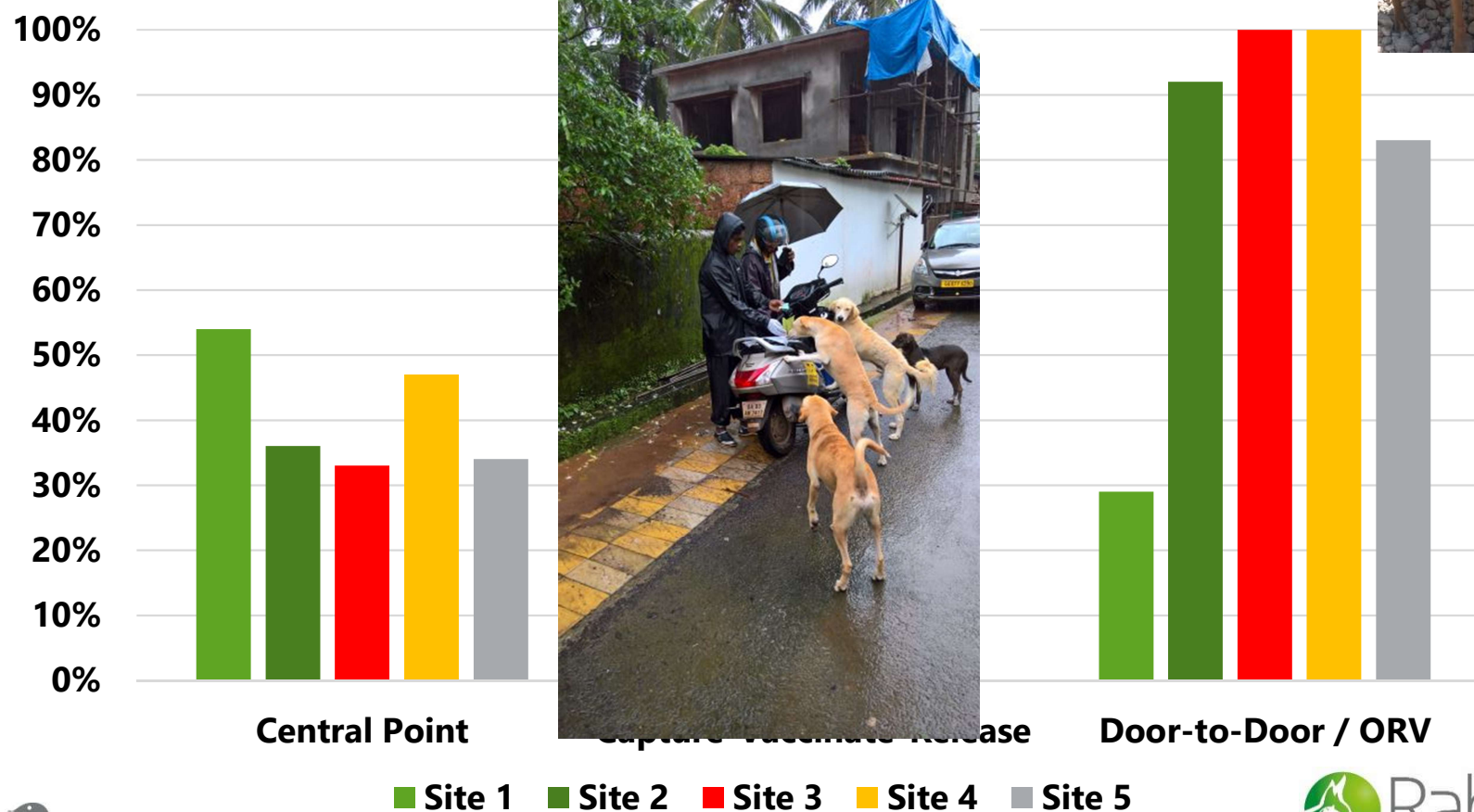


Oral vaccination (OVD): inaccessible dogs  
hand-out model



# Oral vaccination of dogs against rabies: field studies - Haiti

## Rabies Vaccination Coverage by Method



Source: Wallace R – CDC, Atlanta



# Oral vaccination of dogs against rabies: field studies - Haiti



Evaluation of immune responses in dogs to oral rabies vaccine under field conditions

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## Hand-out model of baits:

- 97% of dogs offered a bait accepted it
- 93% of dogs offered a bait punctured the vaccine capsule
- 95% of blisters were swallowed by dogs or recovered by vaccinators
- 78% of dogs had evidence of rabies antibodies after bait acceptance (ELISA)
- No adverse events in dogs and humans reported



# Oral vaccination of dogs against rabies: field studies – Goa State, India

Cost-effectiveness analysis ORV vs. CVR



ORV-team: team leader, vaccinator + scooter

CVR-team: team leader, vaccinator, 4 catchers, 1 driver + truck

**1 CVR person : 1 ORV person = 9 : 32 dogs vaccinated/day**



# Oral Vaccination of Dogs against RabiesSummary

- Oral vaccination offers a possibility to reach dogs inaccessible for parenteral vaccination
- Oral vaccination increases efficiency of campaigns by reducing time (and therefore money) required to capture and restrain dogs
- Oral vaccination reduces capture stress for both dogs and humans
- Oral vaccination as a supplementary tool to parenteral vaccination can increase herd immunity to levels required to interrupt the transmission cycle





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