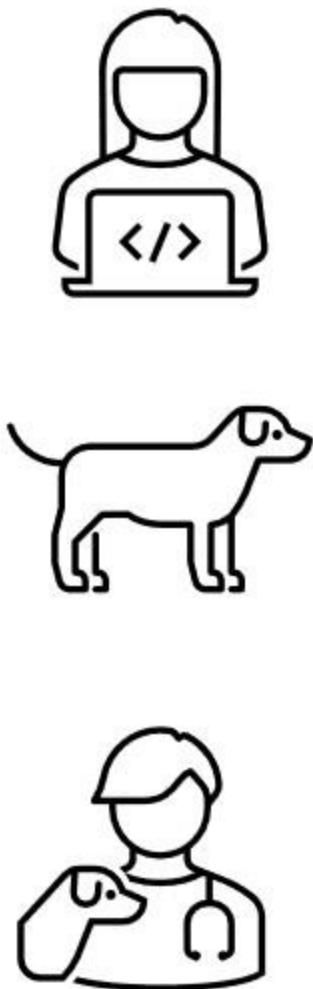


# Implementing Rabies Programme in the Philippines

Eliminating Rabies by 2030



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OIE international standards supporting self-declaration  
of freedom from rabies,  
and endorsement of official control programme  
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# Rabies Burden in the Philippines

- **Over 1 million Filipinos** are bitten by dogs every year
  - nearly half of whom are **children** below 15 years of age
  - nearly half of them are severe bites (category 3).
- Rabies is **100% fatal** if the victim does not receive timely post-exposure prophylaxis after the bite of a rabid dog.
- Completing bite injury treatment and a full course of post-exposure prophylaxis often also causes **significant financial hardship** to the bite victims and their families.
- Every year nearly **500 million pesos** are spent on human vaccination against rabies
- **200-300 people** die of rabies every year in the Philippines



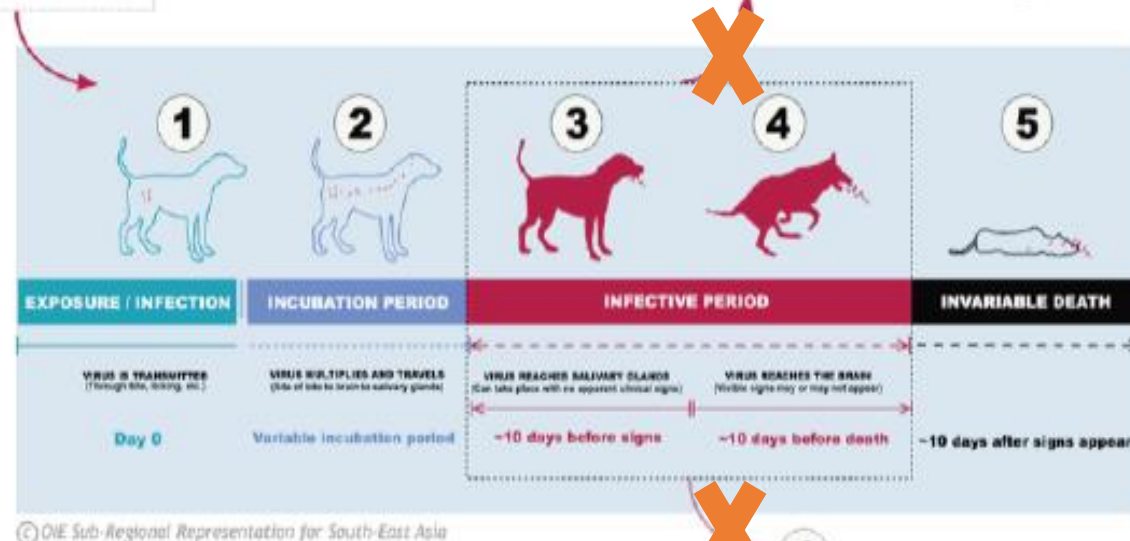
References: WHO, DOH

# Animal Rabies Cases

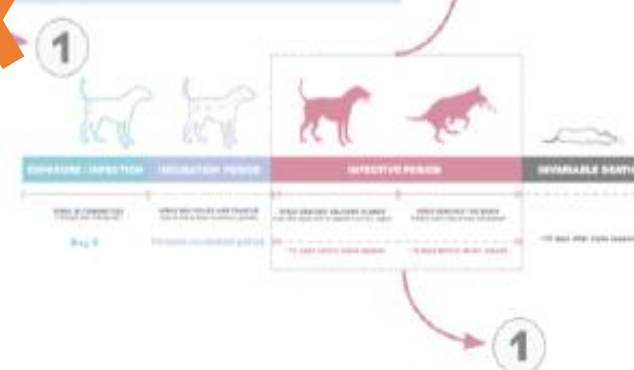


- **98%** of positive samples are from canine
- **69%** of rabies cases are have identified owners
- **82%** of rabies cases were either free-roaming or occasionally roaming





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# Rabies free zones (2008-2020)

- Joint Department AO No. 1 “Guidelines for Declaring Areas as Rabies-free zones” dated March 10, 2008
  - This issuance aims to declare Philippines as a rabies-free country. It provides mechanism for application, validation and maintenance of rabies free zones.

**Rabies-free Zones**



**Island Provinces  
Island Municipalities  
Island Villages  
(*Barangays*)**



# Rabies free zones (2008-2020)

- Amended as Joint Administrative Order 2019-001 Series of 2019
  - The amendment of the previous issuance is to progressively declare cities, municipalities and islands as rabies-free areas and provinces as rabies free-zones, both the islands and land-locked areas.

**Rabies-free Zones (8)**



**Provinces**

**Rabies-free Areas (40)**

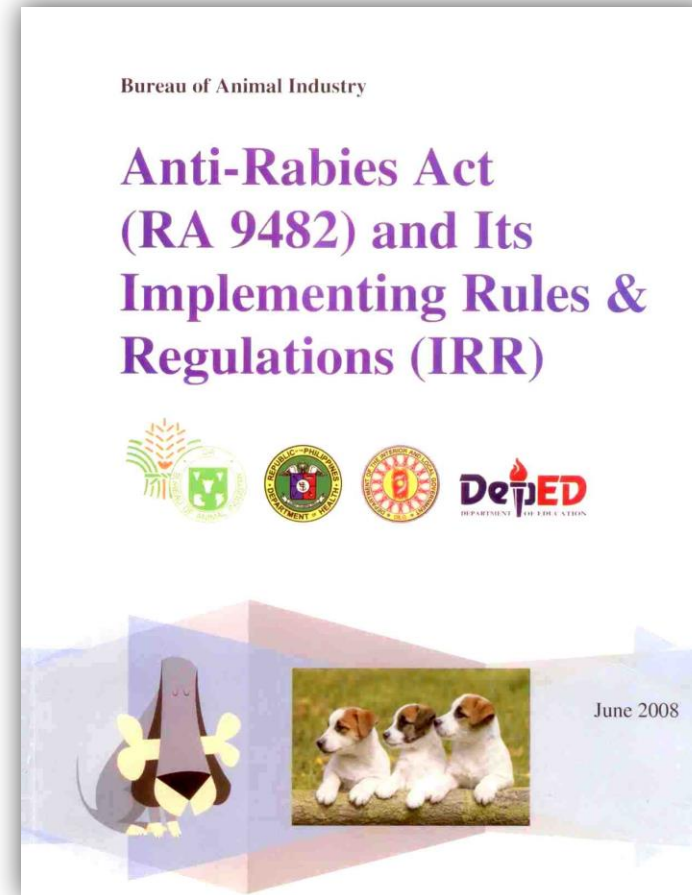


**Municipalities  
Island Villages  
(*Barangays*)**



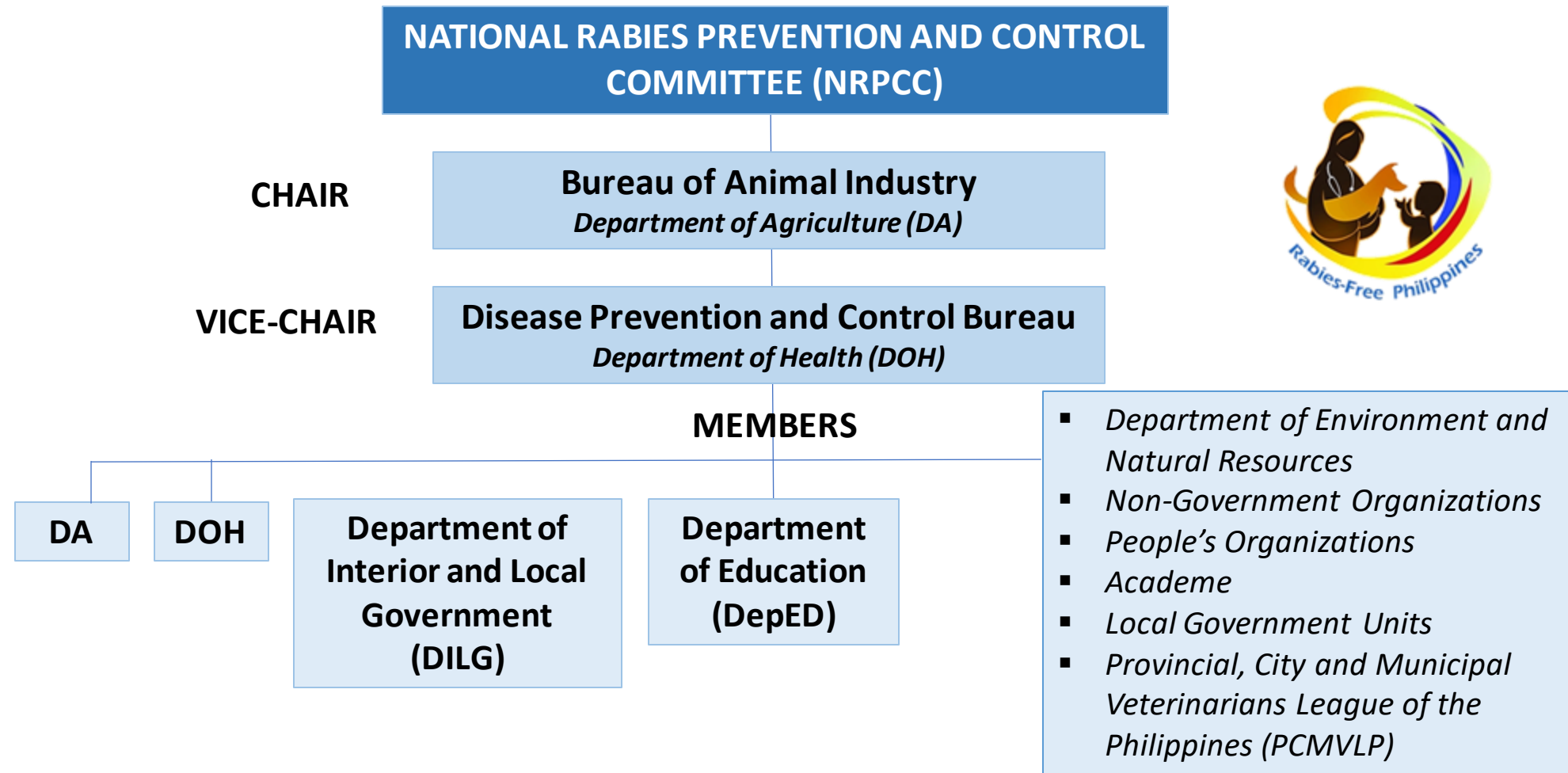
# Republic Act No. 9482 (Anti-Rabies Act of 2007)

- “An Act Providing for the Control and Elimination of Human and Animal Rabies, Prescribing Penalties for Violation Thereof and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

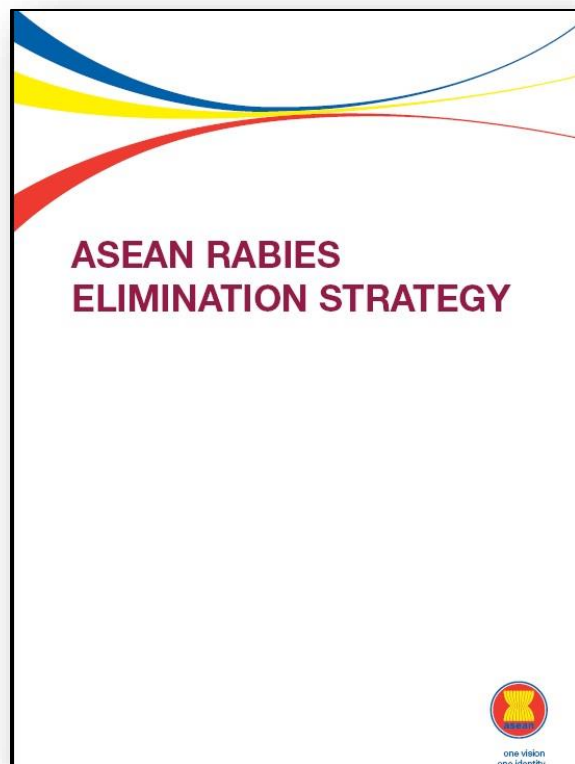


# Section 4 of RA 9482.

## Creation of the National Rabies Prevention and Control Committee (NRPCC)



# Rabies Elimination Plan



The first Rabies Elimination Plan was drafted in 2014 with a goal to eliminate Rabies by 2020.

ARES was adopted in 2016.



# Medium Term Plan for Rabies (2017-2022)

## OPLAN **RED**

### OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR **RABIES ELIMINATION IN** **DOGS** IN THE PHILIPPINES



# Key Strategies for Rabies Elimination



**S**OCIO-CULTURAL

**T**ECHNICAL

**O**RGANIZATIONAL /  
**ONE HEALTH**

**P**OLICY & LEGISLATIVE

**R**ESOURCES



**GLOBAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE ELIMINATION OF DOG-MEDIATED HUMAN RABIES**

- Certificate for the Endorsement of the Official Control Programme for Dog-mediated rabies of the Philippines was awarded during the OIE General Session in 2021



# Challenges in developing the Rabies programme

- Intersectoral coordination and changes in the key personnel
- Funding support

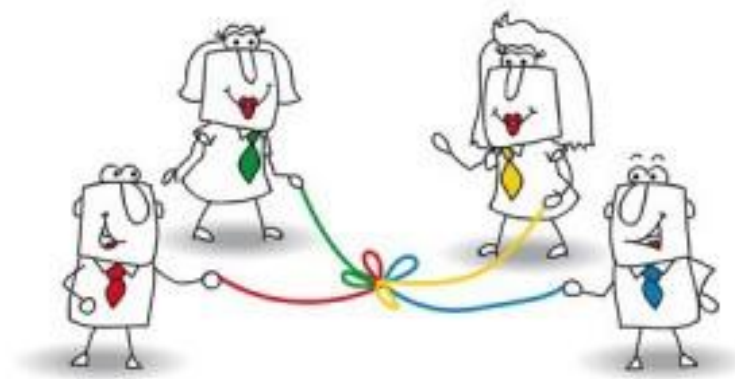


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# Tips in writing your Dossier

- Keep your communications open
- Let all the involved people and sectors know what you need from them



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# Maraming salamat po!



Ang pagsugpo sa  
Rabies ay sama-  
sama, hindi  
kanya-kanya.

