Vaccinating Animals for Rabies— A Practitioner's Perspective

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- First, a couple questions...
 - Immunization?
 - Exposure?

- Exposure in practice...
 - Pathology lab at ISU
 - Client dog in MN

Rabies Vaccination in Practice

- Small animal practice
 - Daily use of vaccine in dogs and cats
- Large animal practice
 - Vaccinate the farm dog during herd check
 - Farm cats often unvaccinated unless exhibited
 - Horses? Cows? Sheep?



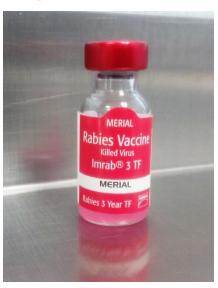
Rabies is rare in vaccinated animals

 Pre-exposure vaccination protects against recognized and unrecognized rabies exposure



Vaccine Manufacturers

- Merial
 - IMRAB
 - PUREVAX Feline
- Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica
 - RABVAC
- Zoetis
 - DEFENSOR
 - NOVIBAC





Rabies Vaccine Information

- Vaccines are produced for
 - Pets (dogs, cats, some in combination for ferrets)
 - Livestock (horses alone or with cattle and sheep)
 - Combinations of both pets and livestock

Vaccine type

- Inactivated (killed) vaccine with adjuvants
- Purevax for cats: unadjuvanted "rabies glycoprotein, live canarypox vector"
- Modified live rabies virus use ended in 1980's

Vaccine use

- Age at primary vaccination
 - > 12 weeks of age (3 months)
 - Purvax Feline exception
- Dose
 - 1 ml dogs, cats, ferret
 - 2 ml horses, cattle, sheep



Route of Injection

- Route varies according to manufacturer
 - IM only
 - IM or SQ
 - SQ only (ferrets are SQ)



Injection site cats

- Distal right rear leg
 - AAFP
- Feline injection site sarcomas
 - Invasive tumor, difficult surgical excision
 - Linked to vaccination with rabies, FeLV, any injection
 - Less incidence nonadjuvanted vaccines
 - 1 in 10,000 to 1 in 30,000 doses



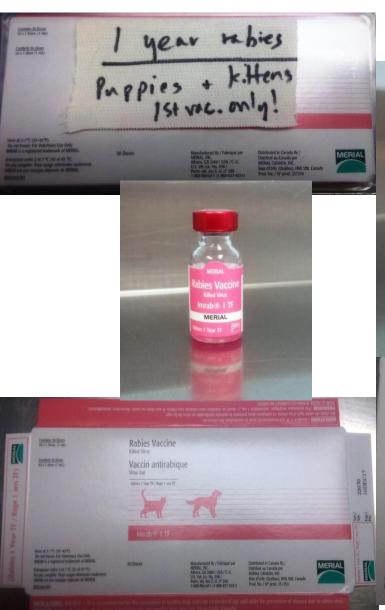
Vaccination schedule dogs & cats

Rabies 1 yr vaccine

- Single dose of "1 yr" not earlier than 12 weeks
- Single dose of "1 yr" within 1 year of initial dose
- Single dose of a "1 yr" vaccine annually

Rabies 3 yr vaccine

- Single dose of "3 yr" not earlier than 12 weeks
- Single dose of "3 yr" within 1 year of initial dose
- Subsequent doses of "3 yr" every 3 years





50 x 1 dose (1 mL)

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DESCRIPTION: IMRAB* 3 TF contains the same virus strain that is used in the Pasteur Merieux Connaught human vaccine. The virus is grown in a stable cell line, inactivated, and mixed with a safe and potent adjuvant. Safety and immunogenicity of this product have been demonstrated by vaccination and challenge tests in susceptible animals.

INDICATIONS: IMRAB* 3 TF is recommended for the vaccination of healthy cats, dogs, and ferrets 12 weeks of age and older for prevention of disease due to rabies virus.

DOSAGE: Aseptically inject 1 mL (1 dose) subcutaneously or intramuscularly into healthy cats or dogs. Revaccinate 1 year later, then every 3 years. Inject 1 mL (1 dose) subcutaneously in healthy ferrets. Revaccinate ferrets annually.

PRECAUTIONS: Store at 2-7°C (35-45°F). Do not freeze. Shake well before using. Do not use chemicals to sterilize syringes and needles. Contains gentamicin as a preservative. This product does not contain thimerosal. A transient local reaction may occur at the injection site following subcutaneous administration. Some reports suggest that in cats, the administration of certain veterinary biologicals may induce the development of injection site fibrosarcomas. In rare instances, administration of vaccines may cause lethargy, fever, and inflammatory or hypersensitivity types of reactions. Treatment may include antihistamines, anti-inflammatories, and/or

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Vaccination schedule others

- Ferrets, horses, cattle, sheep
 - Single dose not earlier than 12 weeks
 - Single dose of vaccine annually
 - Must be labeled for species
 - BOTH Rabies 1yr or Rabies 3 yr used annually
 - IMRAB 3 boostered every 3 years in sheep



Zoo Animal Vaccination

- Dr. Hennen's schedule Bramble Park Zoo
- Mammals vaccinated with IMRAB
 - Off-label use so not considered protective
 - For benefit of public only
 - Ideally annual revaccination "or when we get them caught up"
 - IM small non-human primates, SQ all others

Wildlife

No licensed-use injectable vaccines for wildlife

- Oral baits for wildlife used in other areas of country
 - Not done by general practitioners



State Recommendations

 Maintain current rabies vaccination for dogs, cats, ferrets, horses

 Vaccinate cattle and sheep where feasible



State Requirements

- Exhibitions
 - Health certificate and ID required all species
 - Licensed, accredited veterinarian
 - Proof of rabies vaccination dog and cats
 - Vaccination of "show stock" <u>encouraged</u>
- Imported cats and dogs > 3 months of age
 - Certification of current rabies vaccination

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Show Stock



Additional Recommendations—

Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control

- Livestock at petting zoos,
 fairs, etc
 - Mammals vaccinated for rabies (off-label if no licensed vaccines)
- Animal shelters and animal control
 - Adopted animals vaccinated for rabies



Additional Recommendations

- Disaster response
 - Administer rabies vaccine all dogs, cats, ferrets
- Local ordinances encouraged
 - Vaccination ordinances for all dogs, cats, and ferrets
 - Remove all stray animals
 - More stringent local rules possible



Local Ordinances-Watertown

3.0202: VACCINATION REQUIRED

- 1. Every dog or cat held as a domestic pet in the City, six (6) months of age or older, is hereby required to be vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian or other qualified person. The owner or keeper of a dog or cat may elect to have their animal vaccinated for rabies every year or once every three (3) years. Ord13-15; Rev08-30-13).
- 2. Any owner acquiring a dog or cat by purchase, gift, birth or otherwise, shall have such animal vaccinated against rabies within one (1) month following acquisition or when the animal reaches the age of six (6) months. (E-259-2)

Exemptions and Reactions

- Forms available for severe reaction exemption
 - Valid VCPR (Veterinary Client Patient Relationship)
 - Animal considered unvaccinated if exposure occurs
- Mild reactions
 - Controlled with pre-vaccine antihistamines
 - Separate out vaccines by a week or two
 - Observe animal at home or in clinic same day

Immune Response

- Twenty-eight (28) days to full immunization after initial vaccine.
- Booster vaccines immediately protective
 - Vaccines from differing manufacturers booster one another
 - Research showing immune response to booster for up to 7 years after initial vaccine
- Not considered immunized if overdue for boosters

Titers

- Titers indicate serological response to vaccine or infection
 - Do not directly correlate with protection
 - Not a substitute for current vaccination
 - Does not represent "legal" immunity
 - Used in some importation requirements
 - Establishes immune system response to vaccine

Client Education

- Educate clients with first rabies vaccine
 - Public health concerns
 - Zoonotic disease
 - Rabies vaccine in pets protects the family
 - Cannot treat when showing signs
 - Isolation of hospitalized pets
 - No live animal testing for rabies
 - Keep pets indoors, leashed, or controlled
 - Keep pets away from wildlife and strays
 - Booster pet with unknown source bite wounds



Bite wounds in clinical practice

- Bite wounds
 - previously vaccinated
 - Cat bite abscess, provoked attack
 - Clip, clean, antibiotics
 - Rabies vaccination status attacking animal
 - Booster rabies with unknown attacker
 - If high fever, booster in a couple days



Bite wounds in clinical practice

- Bite wounds-previously unvaccinated
 - Known attacker vs. unknown attacker
 - Counsel confinement, possible euthanasia
 - Stress rabies vaccine administered will only protect against future rabies exposure
 - Treatment similar to previously vaccinated pets
 - Clip, clean, antibiotics
 - Initial rabies vaccine if not feverish

- Bite wounds with suspicious circumstances
 - Wildlife
 - Unprovoked attacks
 - Rabies prevalent area

...Contact Animal Industry Board

Domestic animal vaccination protects public

 Rabies reservoirs currently in wildlife



- Domestic animal vaccination creates barrier to human exposure
 - Before 1960's dogs most frequent source of human rabies exposure
 - Eliminated strays, licensed, vaccinated population

Domestic animal vaccination protects public

- Cats now greater source of human exposure
 - Barn cats, semi-feral cats in towns
 - Indoor cats may not return for boosters
 - Bat exposure





Any questions?

