

# Department of Disease Control

## Weekly disease forecast No.106\_Rabies (1 – 7 May 2017)

From the national disease surveillance system, during 1 January – 19 April 2017, there were 3 reported human rabies cases. Two reported deaths last week were in Chonburi and Chachoengsao (a migrant worker) provinces.

In 2017, 279 animal specimens were found positive for rabies. Most (87 percent) of the rabid animals were dogs.



According to this week disease forecast, human rabies tends to occur sporadically especially in the eastern region where rabies was found repeatedly in humans and animals. .

The Department of Disease Control (DDC) strongly advises people to be aware that rabies is 100% fatal. Owners therefore should strictly follow the best cost-effective measure by bringing their 3-month-old dogs and cats to receive the first rabies vaccination and annually thereafter.

A person bitten by a suspected animal should wash the wound with soap and water thoroughly for a minimum of 15 minutes and apply povidone iodine into the wound to kill the rabies virus and other pathogens. The suspected animal must be kept properly and observed for 10 days. The person should then seek a medical attention for wound treatment and rabies post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) immediately.

For queries or additional information, please call DDC hotline 1422.

