

Rabies Situation in Thailand

Rabies is a potentially fatal but preventable viral disease. More than 55,000 deaths from more than 150 countries per annum occur mostly in Africa and Asia. Over 30,000 mortalities were reported in Asia alone. Dogs are the main vector that transmits the disease to human.

Rabies mortality in Thailand is continually decreasing; 370 cases in 1980, down to 185 cases in 1990, and 4 cases in 2012. The situation is the same as animal rabies that continually decreasing every year. Most human rabies occurred in central and southern region (Figure 1 and 2), even though animal rabies occurred throughout the country.

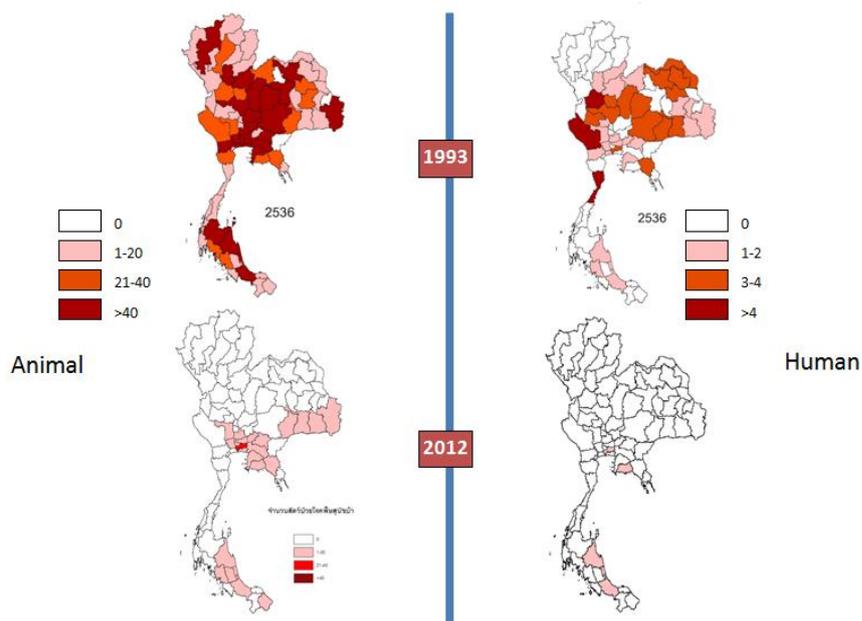


Figure 1 : Animal -Human Rabies Distribution (1993 – 2012)

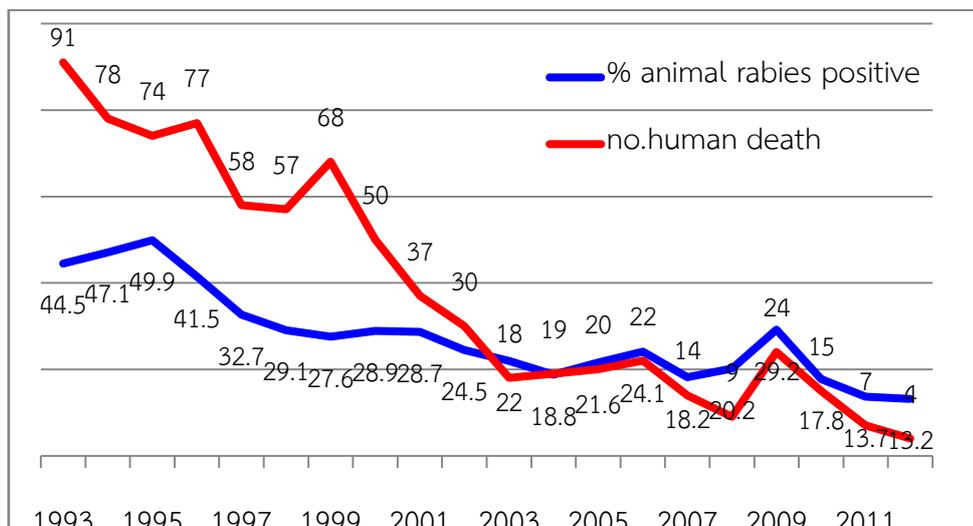


Figure 2 : Human and Animal Rabies Situation in Thailand

In 2013, there were 7 human rabies cases in central, northeastern and southern regions (most cases were bitten by puppies) and 110 rabid dogs in central, northeastern, northern and southern regions. (Figure 3)

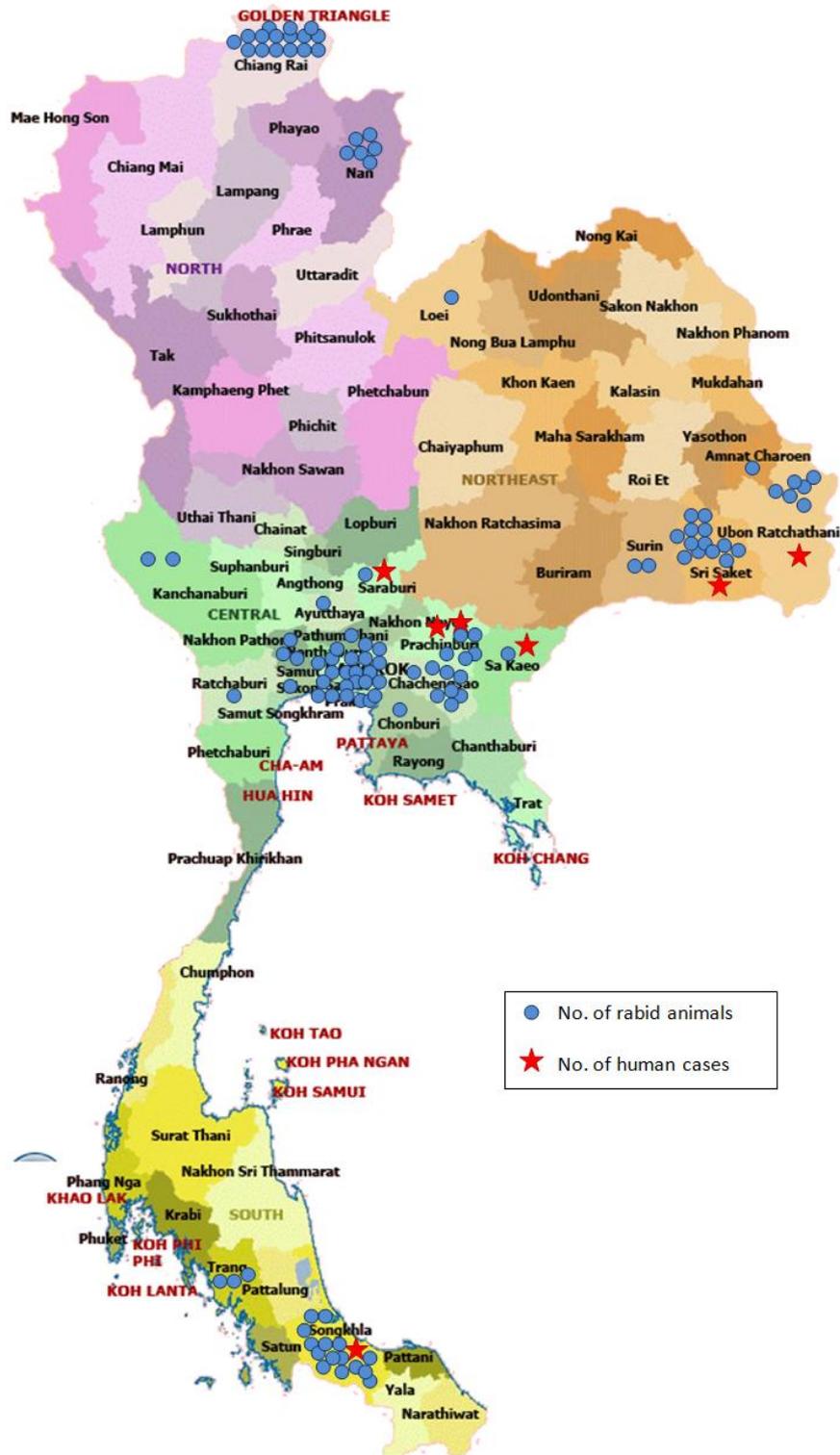


Figure 3 :No. of human rabies and animal rabies in Thailand, 2013