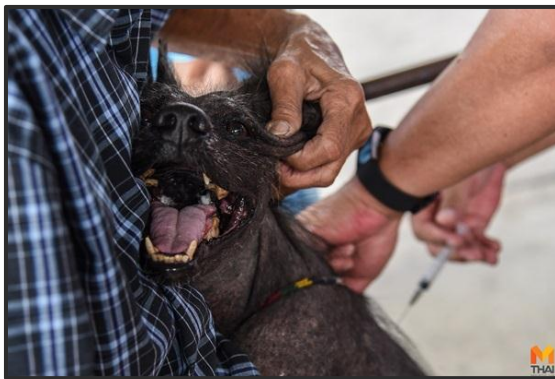




## Spot report : Rabies outbreak in Thailand

### Background



The Bureau of Animal Disease Control and Treatment Department of Livestock, Thailand has announced rabies outbreak within 14 provinces where included Surin, Chonburi, Samutprakan, Chachoengsao, Nan, Buriram, Ubonratchathani, Chiang Rai, Roi Et, Songkhla, Rayong, Tak and Sisaket. The yellow zone is contained within 42 provinces. The Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health reported that dogs and cats were 247 infected during the past two months. It was raise up 1.5 times compare to the previous year. There were 6 death people from rabies infection.

Rabies is a virus spread to people from saliva of infected animals. Animal most likely to transmit rabies in Thailand are dogs and cats. The rabies virus is usually transmitted through a bite.

### Actions Taken

The Department of disease control, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand create campaign to vaccinate dogs and cats; moreover, education program, protection and surveillance are implemented. The Department of livestock development has set up a prevention center for rabies prevention in areas where there is an outbreak to inform people of the dangers of this disease.

## ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS -

### Severity ranking of the concerns effect in the ASEAN region.

| <b>Section</b>                     | <b>Ranking</b> | <b>Issues identified</b>   | <b>Recommendations</b>   |
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| <i>Rabies outbreak in Thailand</i> | <i>G</i>       | The rabies is contain within the surveillance area. The vaccination program is implemented. The authorities able to control situation. The assessment for this situation is green. | Monitor the situation closely. Education program is recommended. |

#### **Remarks:**

*R: Severe Situation: Urgent intervention required.*

*Y: Situation of concern: Surveillance or assistance may or may not require, intensive monitoring*

*G: Relative normal situation or local Government can cope with the crisis, monitoring and no action required.*

*NA: Lack of /unreliable data: Further assessment required.*

#### **ACMM Recommendations,**

According to the situation, the ACMM is monitoring the situation intensely for providing update information to member countries, educate to people about pet care, self-care when pets bite.

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