



Avoid animal bite?

Avoid contact with wild animals and do not pick up sickened animals or animal carcasses and report sightings of sickened animals or animal carcasses to local animal epidemic prevention agencies or the Council of Agriculture (COA) through calling the hotline: 0800-761-590.

When bitten or scratched by animals, please remember to take the following 4 steps.

1. Remember: Try to remain calm and remember the characteristics of the biting animal.
2. Wash: Immediately wash the wound with soap and an ample amount of clean water for 15 minutes and then disinfect the wound with iodine or 70% alcohol.
3. Seek: Seek prompt medical attention for proper evaluation and treatment to reduce the risk of infection.
4. Observe: Try to detain the biting animal for a 10-day observation if possible. However, do not risk capturing the animal if it gets violent.

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Please seek medical assistance at one of the 28 hospitals with a stockpile of rabies vaccine, which can be found in every city and county in the nation. The health authority continues to increase the number of healthcare facilities offering rabies vaccination. High-risk population needs five doses of post-exposure vaccine when bitten or scratched by rabid animals. Rabies pre-exposure vaccination can provide up to 100% protection. HRIG is only administered to patients who received severe bites.