

Veterinarians without Borders / Vétérinaires sans Frontières - Canada

# 2009 RABIES CAMPAIGN

In support of World Rabies Day, September 28, 2009, Veterinarians without Borders / Vétérinaires sans Frontières – Canada (VWB/VSF) is holding its second annual month-long Rabies Campaign (September 1 – 30) to increase awareness about the global rabies issue and to raise funds for our international rabies prevention programs. While rabies is not a disease that most Canadians think about very often, it continues to be a daily concern for people living in other parts of the world where the disease kills nearly 150 people every single day. Sadly, over 55,000 people die annually – mostly children in Africa and Asia – from a disease we know how to prevent.

Yet with effective programming, community education and community involvement, the global rabies problem is solvable. To date, VWB/VSF has raised and dispersed over \$100,000 towards rabies prevention projects around the world, including projects in Guatemala, Cambodia, Nepal, Malawi and Northern Canada. But there is still a lot of work to be done!

Last year our first-ever Rabies Campaign was met with great enthusiasm and veterinary practices all across Canada joined our efforts to Help Make Rabies History! Together we raised over \$12,000, and this year we hope to make the campaign even bigger and better! You can help support this important cause by initiating a fundraising activity in your practice or neighbourhood, or by donating directly to VWB/VSF either on our website ([www.vwb-vsfc.ca](http://www.vwb-vsfc.ca)) or by mail. Our website also includes a “Fundraising Toolkit” with extra materials and ideas to help you with your fundraising efforts. Last year’s top fundraising teams came-up with all kinds of creative fundraising activities, such as nail-clipping clinics, BBQs, silent auctions, and one hospital even donated the proceeds from all of the rabies vaccines they administered during the month of September!



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