Rabies kills 1 person every 10 minutes  
Let’s end rabies together

With a strong scientific heritage, Merial and Sanofi Pasteur are at the forefront of animal and human health providing vaccines, immunoglobulins, services and solutions to prevent diseases. Committed to the global effort of eliminating rabies, Merial and Sanofi Pasteur bring a holistic approach that combines public education and vaccination of pets, wildlife and livestock to prevent this fatal disease, and ultimately protect lives.

JOINING FORCES AGAINST RABIES
Rabies is a neglected disease…

- 1 person DIES every 10 minutes
- 15 million people receive post-exposure TREATMENT every year
- 8.6 billion US dollars are LOST every year

…that remains a threat to all of us

- Endemic in 150 COUNTRIES
- 40% of victims are CHILDREN
- 3.3 billion people AT RISK worldwide

... BUT 100% PREVENTABLE

Rabies can be prevented by:

- Raising disease AWARENESS and EDUCATING people
- VACCINATING pets, wildlife, livestock and humans
  - Dog vaccination is the most efficient way to eliminate human rabies
  - At least 70% of dogs should be vaccinated to effectively reduce human risk of rabies

REFERENCES:

Interview with Professor Louis Nel
Professor Nel is the Executive Director of the Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC) and a driving force behind the annual World Rabies Day.

Q. What is the current situation concerning rabies throughout the world?
A. The latest estimate is that rabies causes at least 59,000 human deaths every year. It is most rampant in Africa and Asia, with Asia having the largest number of cases. About 99% of canine rabies problems come from these two regions.

Q. How can people protect themselves against rabies?
A. It is crucial that we vaccinate dogs. A vaccinated dog becomes your soldier in the fight against rabies, because it is the blood of a vaccinated dog that stops and kills the virus. Education and awareness about the disease can also make a huge difference. People who are educated and aware about rabies know how to protect themselves, especially in the case of a dog bite.

Q. How have World Rabies Day and the Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC) contributed in the fight against rabies?
A. World Rabies Day was created by GARC in 2007 and has been very helpful to create more awareness worldwide. Moreover, GARC has successfully brought together many organizations, creating partners in rabies prevention. Rabies prevention requires a global community effort.

Q. What is your wish for the future?
A. We must work together and understand that rabies control is for the global good. We need to eliminate canine rabies – it is possible and it can be done. The One Health approach, which encourages coordination between animal and human health sectors, is also crucial in the fight to end rabies.
JOINING FORCES AGAINST RABIES

MERIAL and SANOFI PASTEUR, global leaders in rabies prevention, are JOINING FORCES with veterinarians, pet owners and major professional and health organizations

Raising AWARENESS and EDUCATING people

SUPPORTING local DOG VACCINATION initiatives

SUPPLYING global solutions for rabies CONTROL and ELIMINATION through active and passive immunization

Merial and Sanofi Pasteur, committed to eliminating rabies

Through Merial and Sanofi Pasteur, Sanofi is the only group in the world to offer rabies protection at all levels of transmission, globally, in both animals and humans.

If you have any questions about rabies or about how Merial and Sanofi Pasteur can help you in your rabies control efforts, please visit www.merial.com and www.sanofipasteur.com