

World Rabies Day 2024: Breaking Rabies Boundaries.

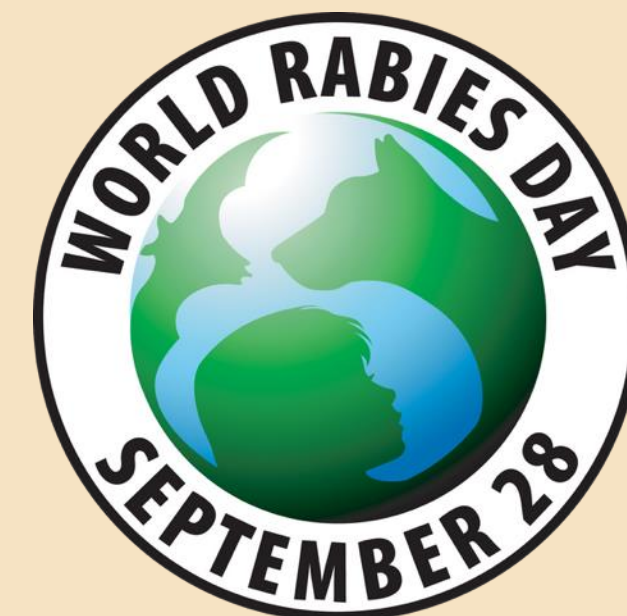
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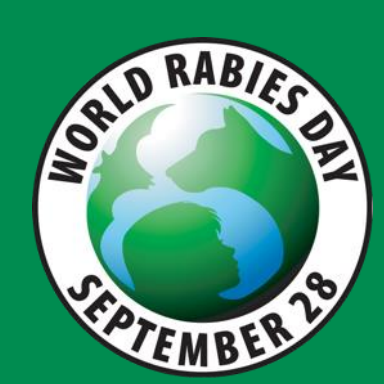
Global Alliance for Rabies Control

United Against Rabies Meeting

23 – 25 September 2024

Cape Town, South Africa





World Rabies Day

- Biggest event on the global rabies calendar - celebrated since 2007.
- Aims to raise awareness and advocate for rabies elimination globally.
- Designed to be inclusive – uniting people, organizations, and stakeholders across all sectors against rabies!

Celebrated on ... continents
6

Events registered since 2016
2050

Unique themes since 2007
18

Opportunities provided by World Rabies Day



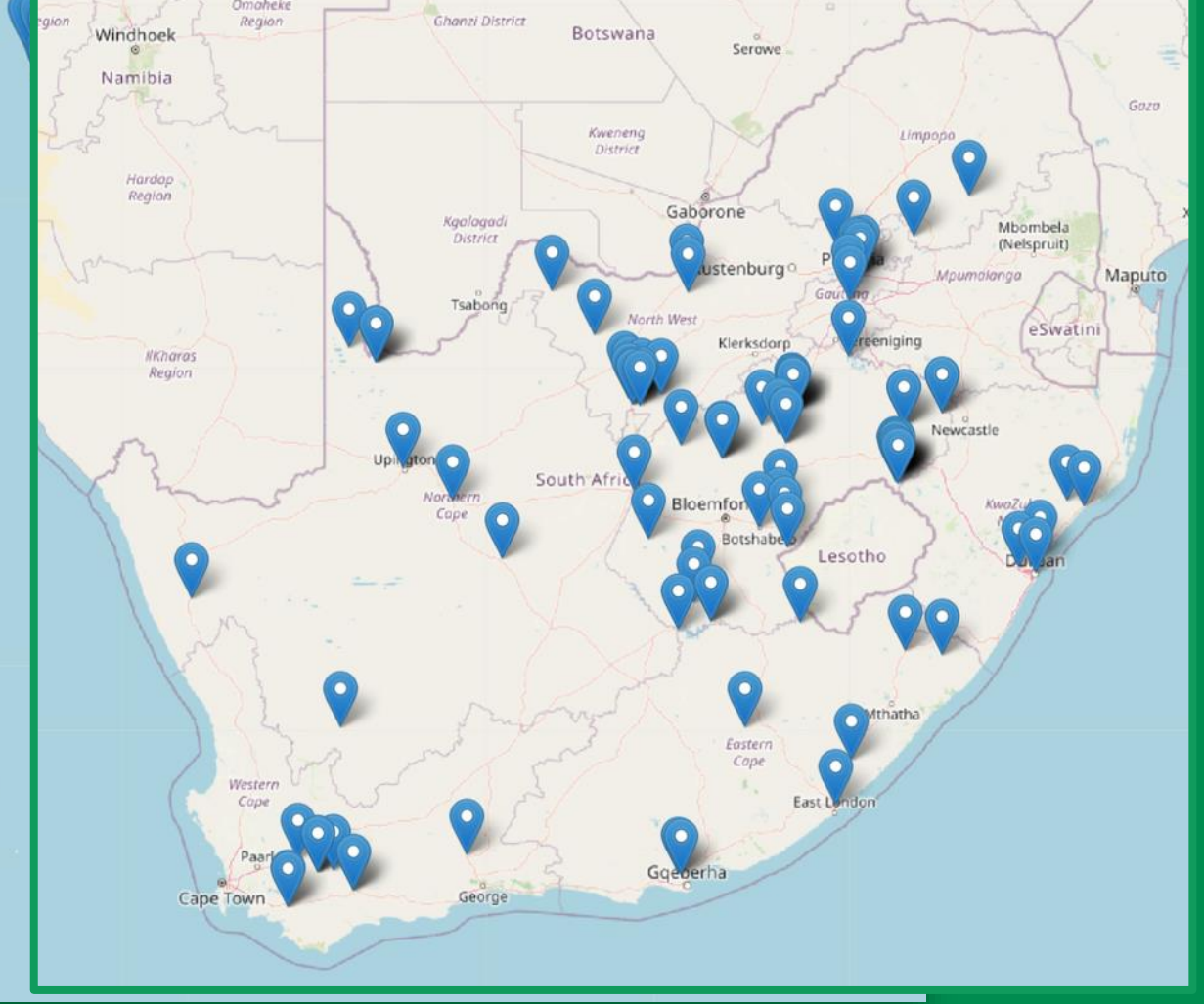
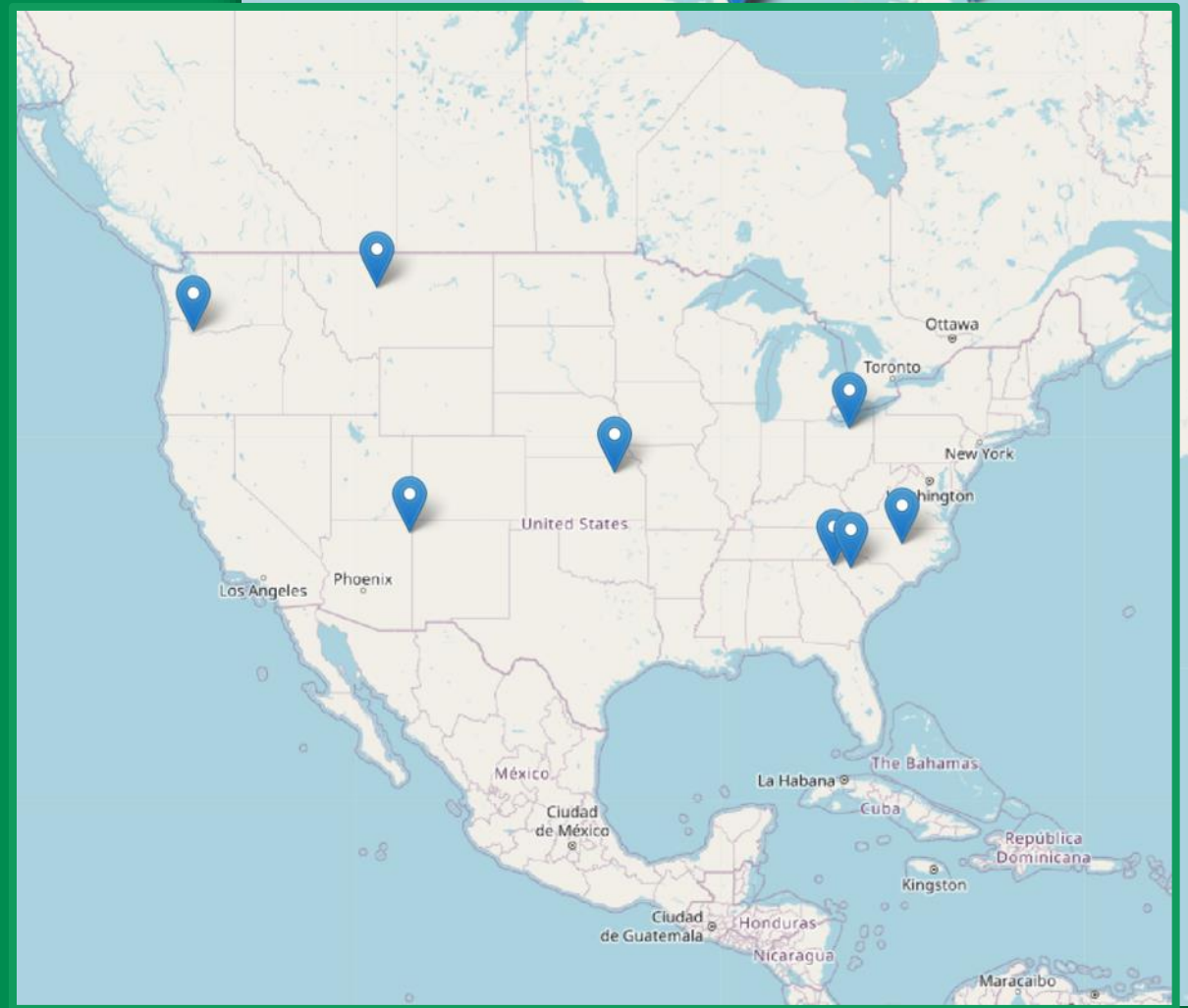
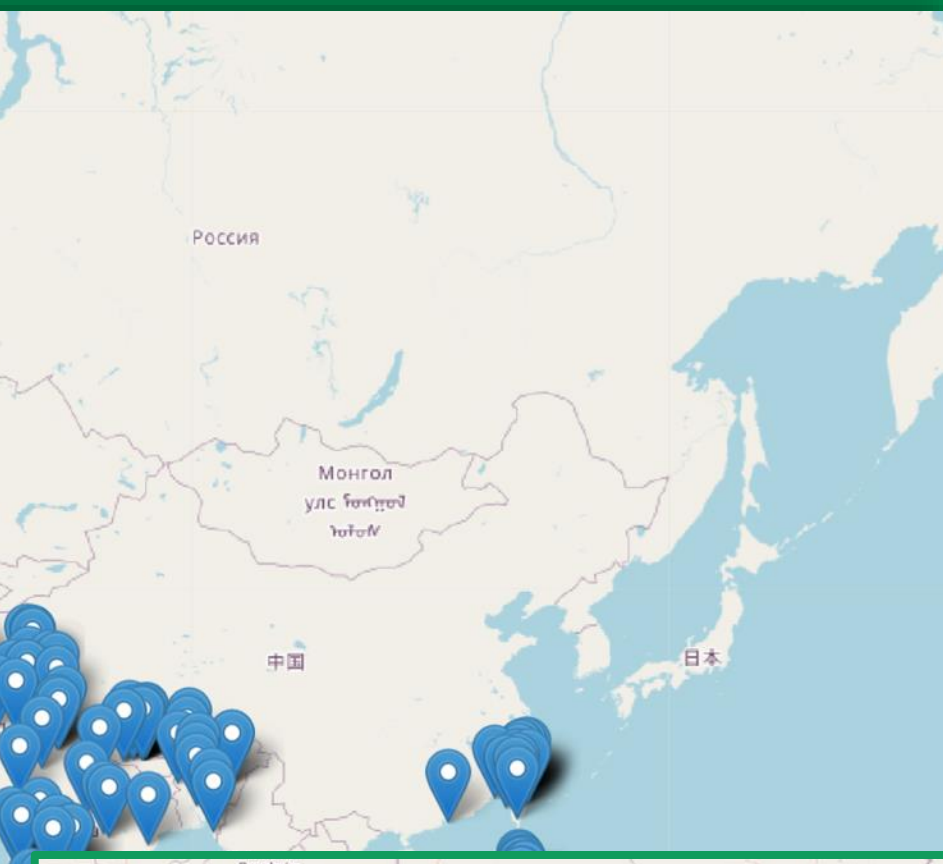
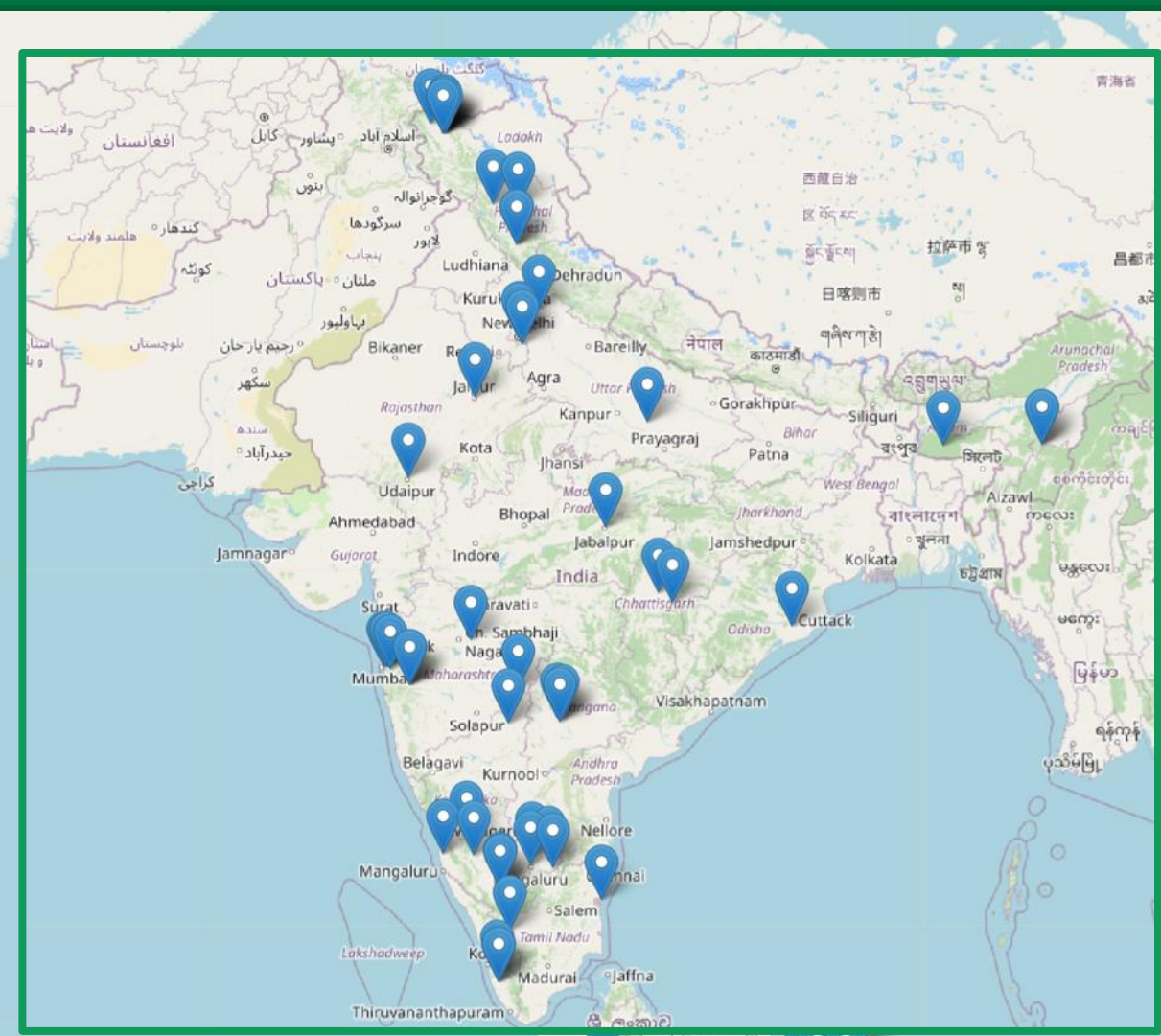
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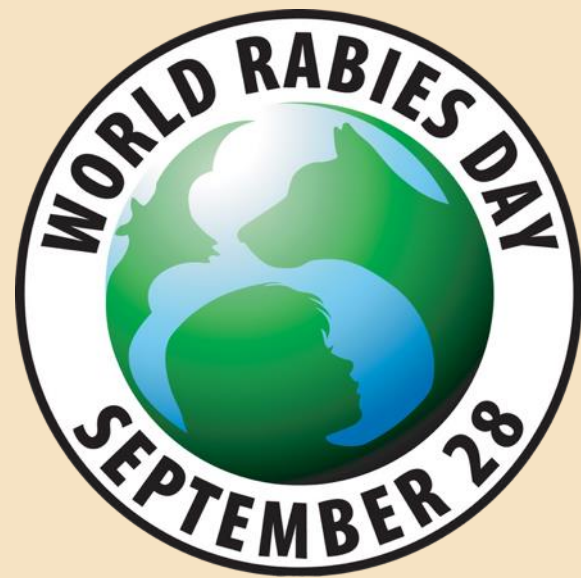
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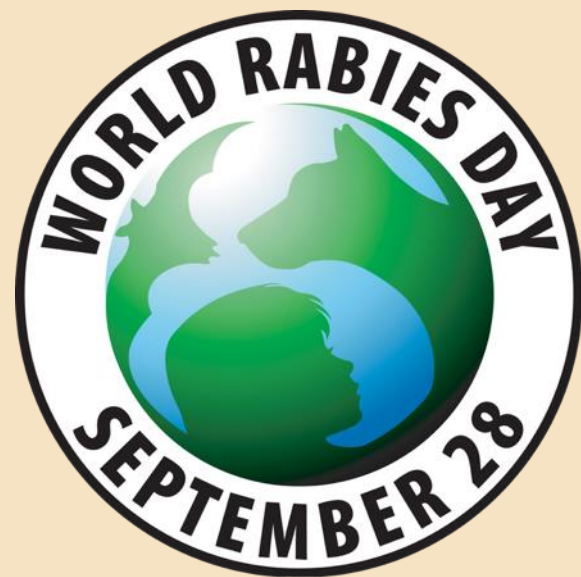
The World Rabies Day theme for 2024



This theme is purposefully broad as the boundaries can be interpreted in many ways.

This makes the theme accessible and relatable for any **local person or stakeholder.**

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There are also many boundaries that prevent the **global community** from eliminating rabies.

This makes the theme relatable for **international stakeholders** as well.



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▶ **in approaches and technologies**

▶ **in scale**

▶ **that prevent collaboration at the local-level**

▶ **to dog vaccination and 70% coverage**

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The animal welfare sector and rabies elimination

There are tens of thousands of animal welfare groups working towards rabies elimination at the community-level around the world.

These groups typically:

- **support communities** where government efforts are unable reach.
- **offer additional services** not provided by the government (e.g., DPM).
- **supplement** government efforts.



Barriers typically hindering animal welfare groups

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Lack of **collaboration**.

2

Lack of **skills, tools and resources**.

3

Lack of **coordination**.

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Lack of **communication with government** stakeholders.

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This is a workforce that should be mapped, capacitated, and mobilized so that their efforts align with those of the government.

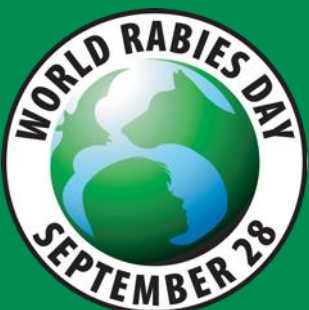




The Communities Against Rabies initiative:

Improving collaboration
at the community-level

A collaborative effort between GARC, Battersea, Boehringer Ingelheim and Sanofi Pasteur.



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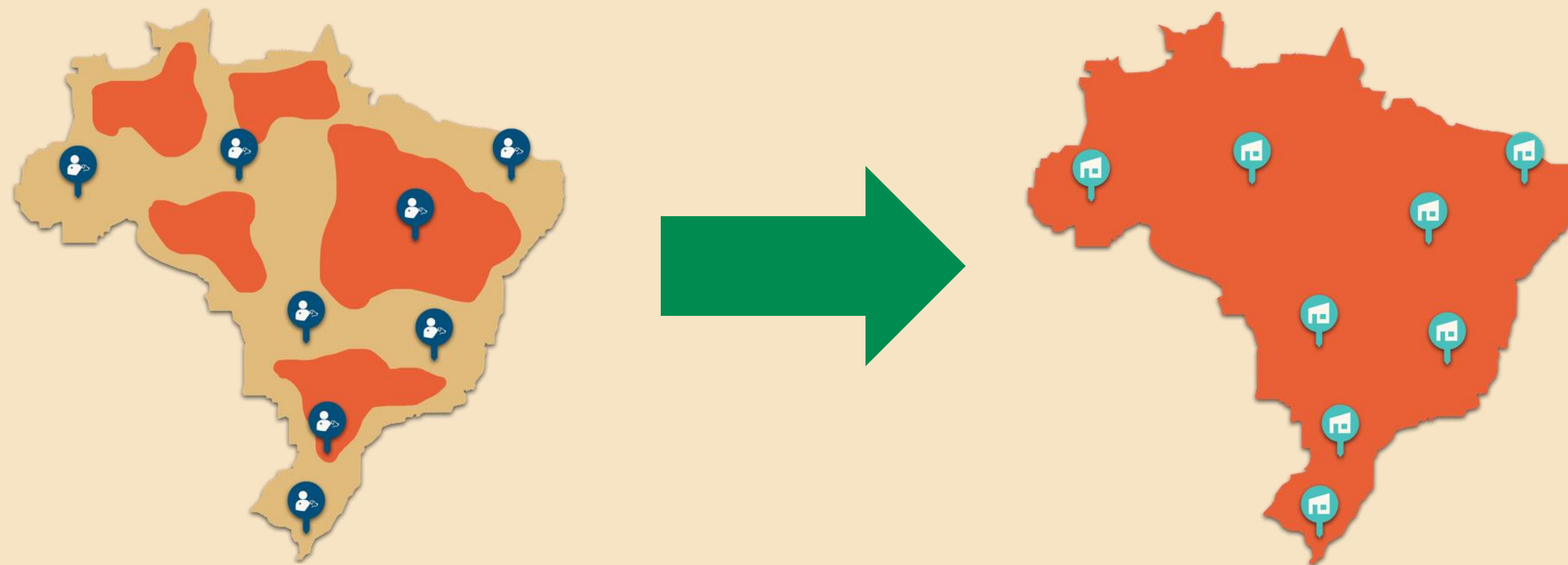
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6. Linking empowered organizations for improved collaboration.



Communities Against Rabies

By using this approach, animal welfare groups – with skilled staff and the ability to report on their activities – can also be integrated into the governmental rabies control programs.



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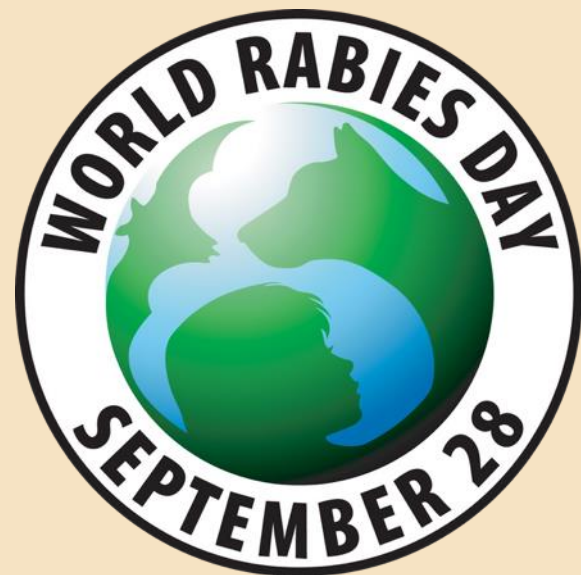
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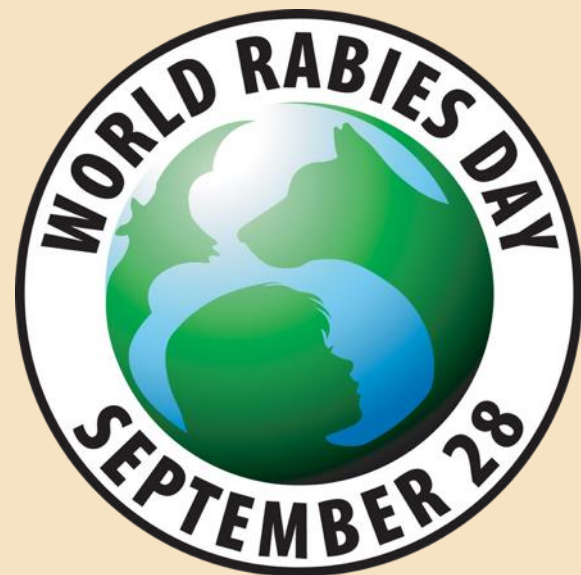
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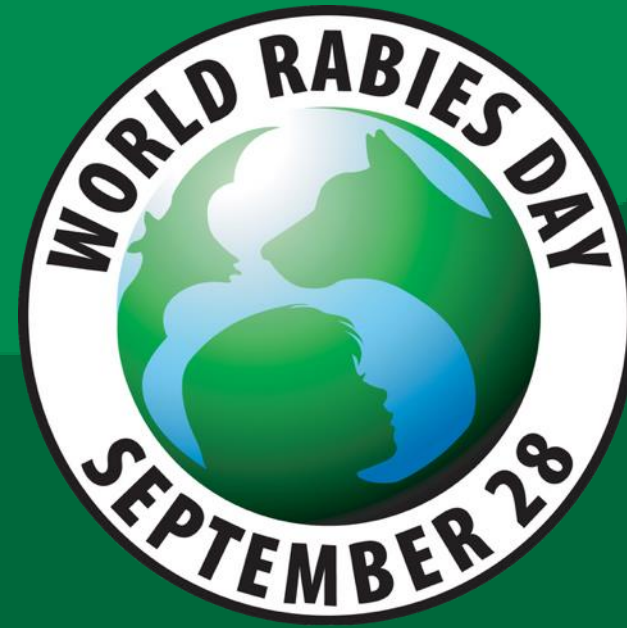


**Encourage your partners or collaborators to
register their WRD events so that other
innovative ideas can be identified.**



<https://rabiesalliance.org/world-rabies-day/register>

Thank you for your attention.



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