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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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RABIES AWARENESS MONTH

To: Public School District Supervisor/ In-charge
Elementary and Secondary School Heads
Elementary and Secondary Teachers
District Nurses
Others Concerned
This Division

1. As we approach Rabies Awareness Month, it is crucial for us to educate ourselves and our community about the importance of rabies prevention and awareness. Rabies is a deadly virus that affects both humans and animals, and it is entirely preventable through vaccination and responsible pet ownership.
2. Throughout this month, raise awareness about rabies and its prevention. Some of the key points we will cover include:
3. The importance of vaccinating pets: Ensuring that our pets are up to date on their rabies vaccinations is crucial in preventing the spread of the virus.
4. Recognizing the signs of rabies: Educating ourselves on the symptoms of rabies in animals and humans can help us take appropriate action in case of potential exposure.
5. Seek medical help if you are bitten or scratched by an animal, wash the wound thoroughly with soap and running water for at least 10 minutes. DO NOT COVER the wound site. DO NOT PUT materials that can increase likelihood of infections such as poultice, herbal cuttings, or any other foreign bodies.
6. Do not approach or handle wild animals, especially if they are acting strangely. Report to local authorities any animals behaving unusually or





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showing signs of rabies (such as frothing in the mouth or excessive aggressiveness).

7. If you are bitten by an animal suspected of having rabies, please seek medical assistance for referral to the nearest Animal Bite Treatment Center as you may need post-exposure prophylaxis to prevent the disease.
8. Be cautious when traveling to areas where rabies is common and take necessary precautions to prevent exposure.
9. For information and compliance.

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