

RABIES IN BALI - December 2008

Visitors to Bali are strongly advised to avoid direct contact with all dogs and cats (including pets), monkeys and other animals. If bitten or scratched by any animal, they should immediately wash the wound thoroughly with soap and water, apply an antiseptic containing povidone-iodine, and seek immediate medical attention. Any patient who has returned to Australia with bites and/or scratches from an animal in Bali since 1 August 2008 should receive rabies immunoglobulin (RIG) and commencement of the rabies vaccine post exposure prophylaxis (PEP) schedule as soon as possible after the exposure.

Please call DHS on 1300 882 008 if you require further information about this situation. The full health alert and rabies vaccine order form may be accessed through the GPV website <http://www.gpv.org.au/> and the link to the alert is the first item under 'What's new' - [Public Health Alert-GP Advice to Travelers to Bali regarding Rabies](#)