

Rabies *in the livestock sector*



Rabies is a viral, progressive, and deadly disease that affects the central nervous system of mammals, including human beings.

It affects livestock, equine, ovine, caprine, and swine.



It is classified as follows:

- Urban rabies, which mainly affects cats and dogs
- Paralytic rabies or “*Derriengue*”, which mainly affects livestock species, and it is generally transmitted by hematophagous bats.



Symptoms:

- Animals seem restless
- They show paralysis and lack of coordination
- They have difficulty walking, swallowing, and breathing
- Death takes place from 2 to 6 days after the disease onset

What are the main affectations of rabies in the livestock sector?



- Weak animals
- Low milk production
- Fur depreciation
- Death

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