Rabies in France

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Restatement of the facts

- 25/10 : finding of a kitten (~2 months old) in a street of Argenteuil (95)
- 28/10 : death of the kitten after demonstrating abnormal behaviour and neurologic symptoms
  → Call their veterinarian
- 29/10 : management of the people in contact (preventive treatment) and the dead cat (analysis) by the Institut Pasteur
- 30/10 : first positive result for rabies
- 31/10 : confirmation (génotype 1, Moroccan stream)
Survey results (1/2)

- 12/10: a kitten was collected on a beach of Casablanca (Morocco)
  - « International health certificate » delivered by a local vet and vaccination of the kitten (except rabies)

- 13/10: return to France by plane
  - Lack of control by Moroccan authorities and the airline company
  - No presentation of the kitten to the French authorities (customs authorities)

- 13/10 to 21/10: stay in a street of Argenteuil (95)
  - Several people in contact
  - Presence of one dog
  - Running away with a gray angora cat the 21/10
Survey results (2/2)

- 24/10 to 25/10: stay in a second house in the same street
  - Kitten seen with a wandering black cat
  - Several people in contact
  - Presence of one cat
- 25/10 to 28/10: stay in a third house in the same street then in Cormeille-en-Parisis (95)
  - No exit of the house
  - Several people in contact
  - Presence of one dog and two cats
- 28/10: Death of the kitten
- 01/11: Finding of another dead kitten near the surveillance zone
  - Negative result for rabies
Control measures

- Communication to the public
- Definition of a surveillance and restriction area of 1 km width around the street where the kitten was found
- Definition of an intervention area that has permit to:
  - Discover the kitten’s origin
  - Trace his course up to his death
  - Determine the people and animals in contact:
    - 20 people → 15 already treated preventively
    - 5 domestics animals and 2 wandering animals → euthanasia or surveillance (12 months) depending on the vaccinal statement and the risk of contamination
  - Trapping of the wandering animals in the area → management depending on the owner claiming and the vaccinal statement
- Analysis of all carnivores with neurologic signs or finding dead in the area
Thank you