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Title:	Rabies outbreak among cattle in Tangmarg, area in north Kashmir's Baramulla district			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU- Baramulla , SSU- Kashmir			

About two dozen domestic animals including cows, sheep and goats have died in villages across Tangmarg area in north Kashmir's Baramulla district over the past two weeks due to rabies.

Villagers in Wussan, Bangil and other adjoining villages said that rabies broke out among their livestock due to dog bites. They feared that humans may be affected by the outbreak and alleged that the administration's failure to control the population of dogs in the area had been the cause. They demanded speedy measures to remove rabid dogs from the streets.

Residents accused that veterinary department officials had been informed several times and the matter was discussed with SDM Tangmag, but no action was taken. They said that rabies had spread in area while the top officials blamed each other. Chief animal husbandry officer Baramulla, Mohammad Shafi Shala, said that he, along with a team of officers, visited the area on Saturday and found that dog population was too high while rabies breakout due to dog bites. "Five cows died in the area but we have given doses of vaccine to 50 animals and we are trying to save them," he said.

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