



# MR-VVCMC Report- July 2025 to March 2026

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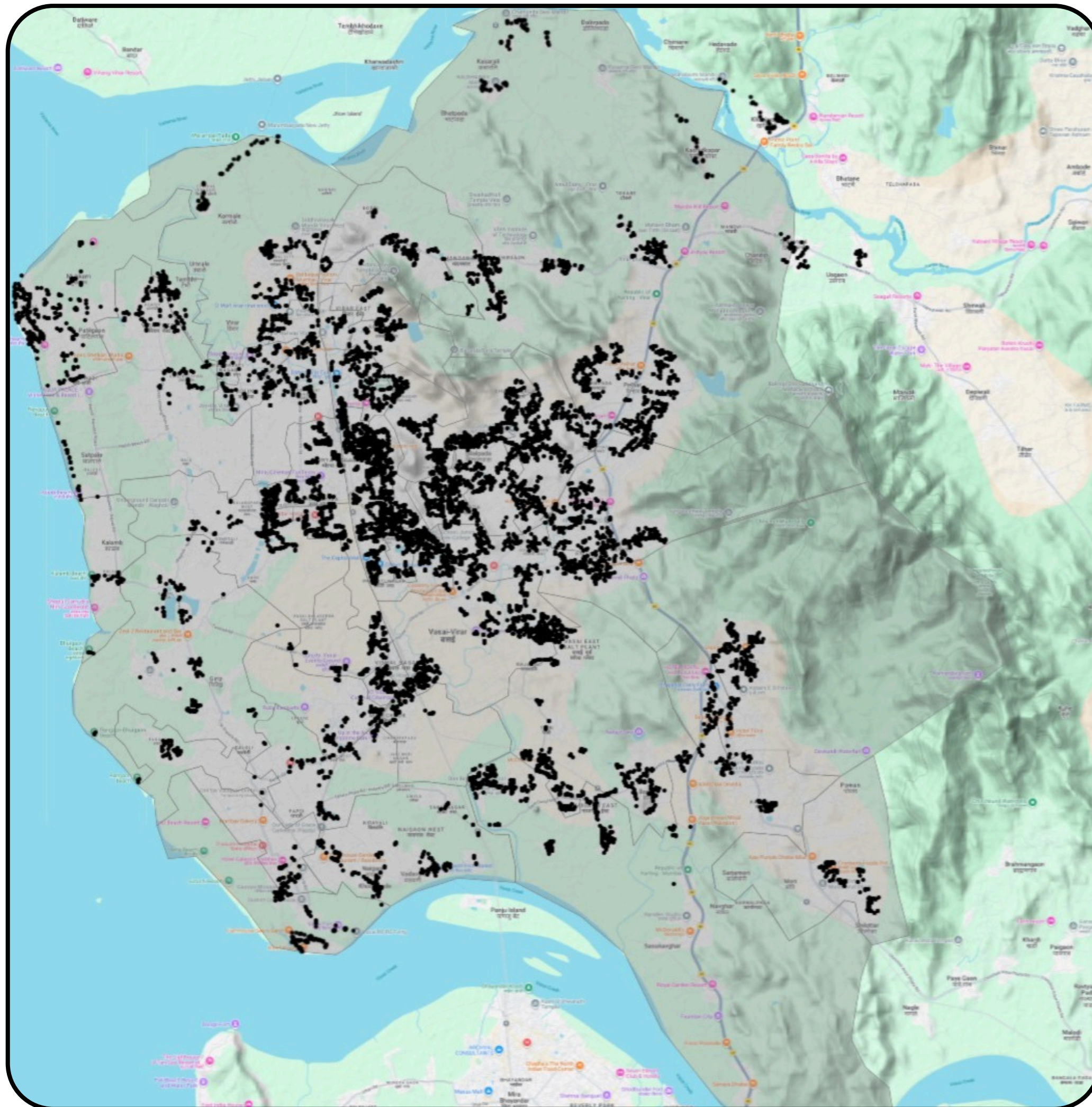
# • About Mission Rabies



- Worldwide Veterinary Service (WVS) is an international veterinary charity headquartered in the United Kingdom.
- In 2013, WVS launched the Mission Rabies initiative with the goal of eliminating canine-mediated human rabies deaths by 2030.
- Mission Rabies (MR) commenced its work in India in Goa in 2013.
- MR has established partnerships with multiple local government bodies like the
  - Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (Mumbai)
  - Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (Bengaluru)
  - Animal Husbandry Department of Kerala.
- MR approach emphasizes the application of the One Health framework- includes mass free roaming dog vaccination, community education and disease surveillance.

# • Anti Rabies Vaccination

- 17313 Free-roaming dogs/cats were vaccinated against rabies in VVCMC from July 2025 to March 2026.
- Image depicts real-time vaccination coverage from 31 July 2025 to 31 March 2026, captured in the WVS App.
- The free roaming dog vaccination were majorly carried out with the cooperation of the feeders, animal caregivers and welfare enthusiasts and map catching.
- Our vaccination team consists of a vaccinator and 4 animal handlers, trained and skilled in humane animal handling.

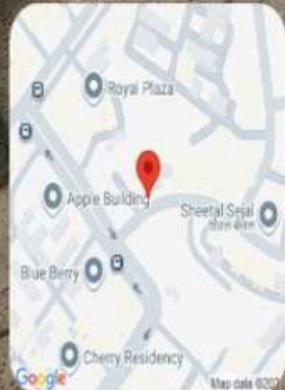


- **Anti Rabies Vaccination**

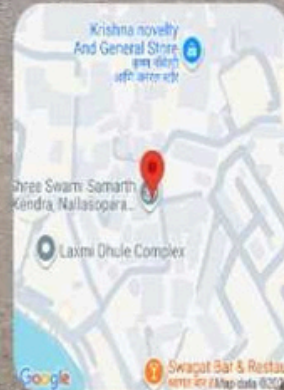
Month	Vaccinations completed
Feb 2025	897
July 2025	125
August 2025	1363
September 2025	1995
October 2025	2077
November 2025	1998
December 2025	2234
January 2026	2812
February 2026	2240
March 2026	1572
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17313</b>



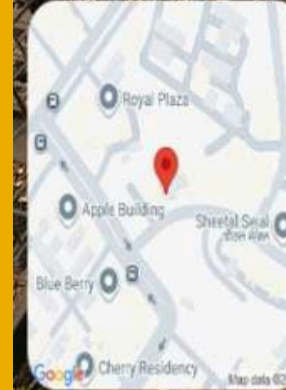
# ■ MR team - Vaccination in action



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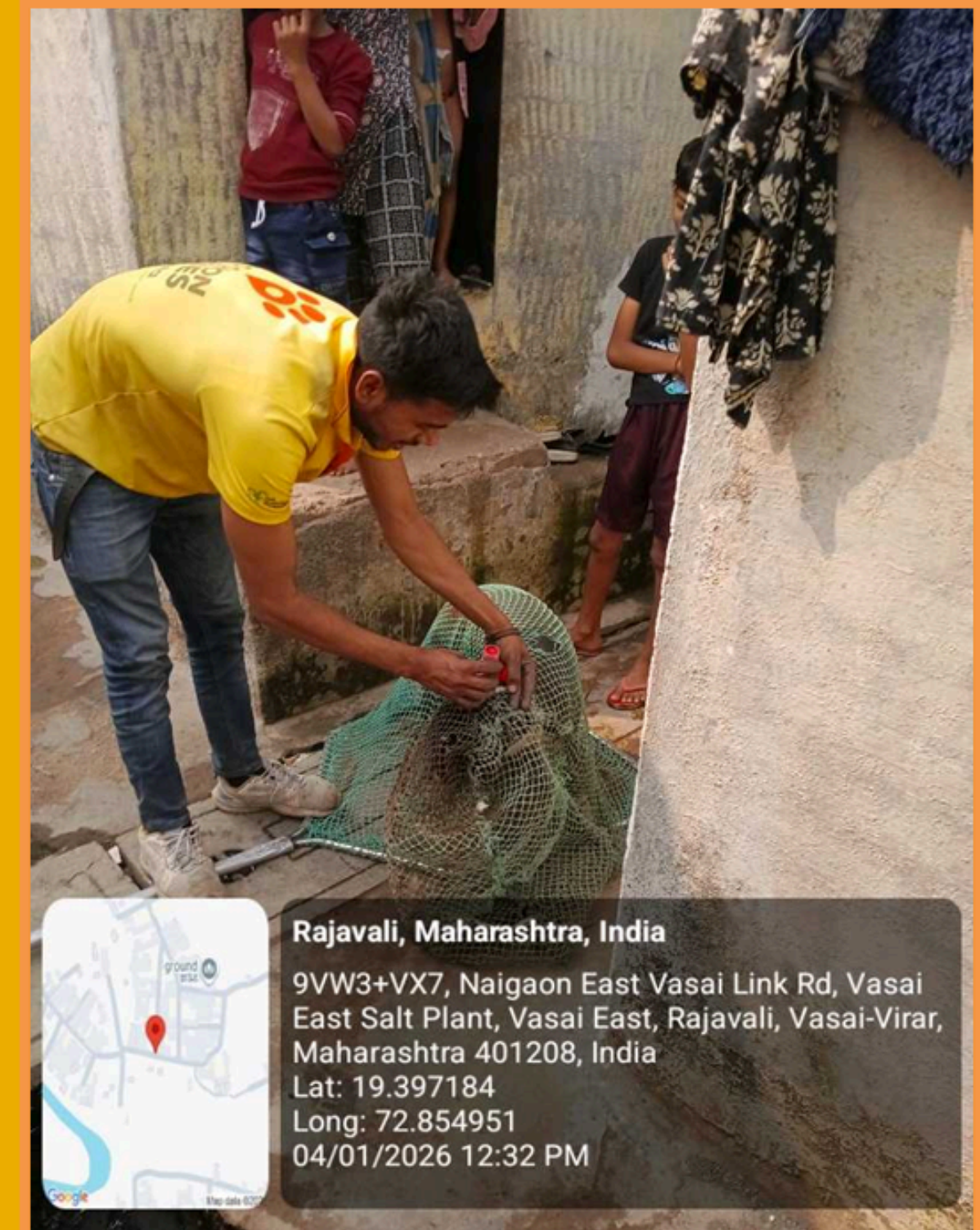


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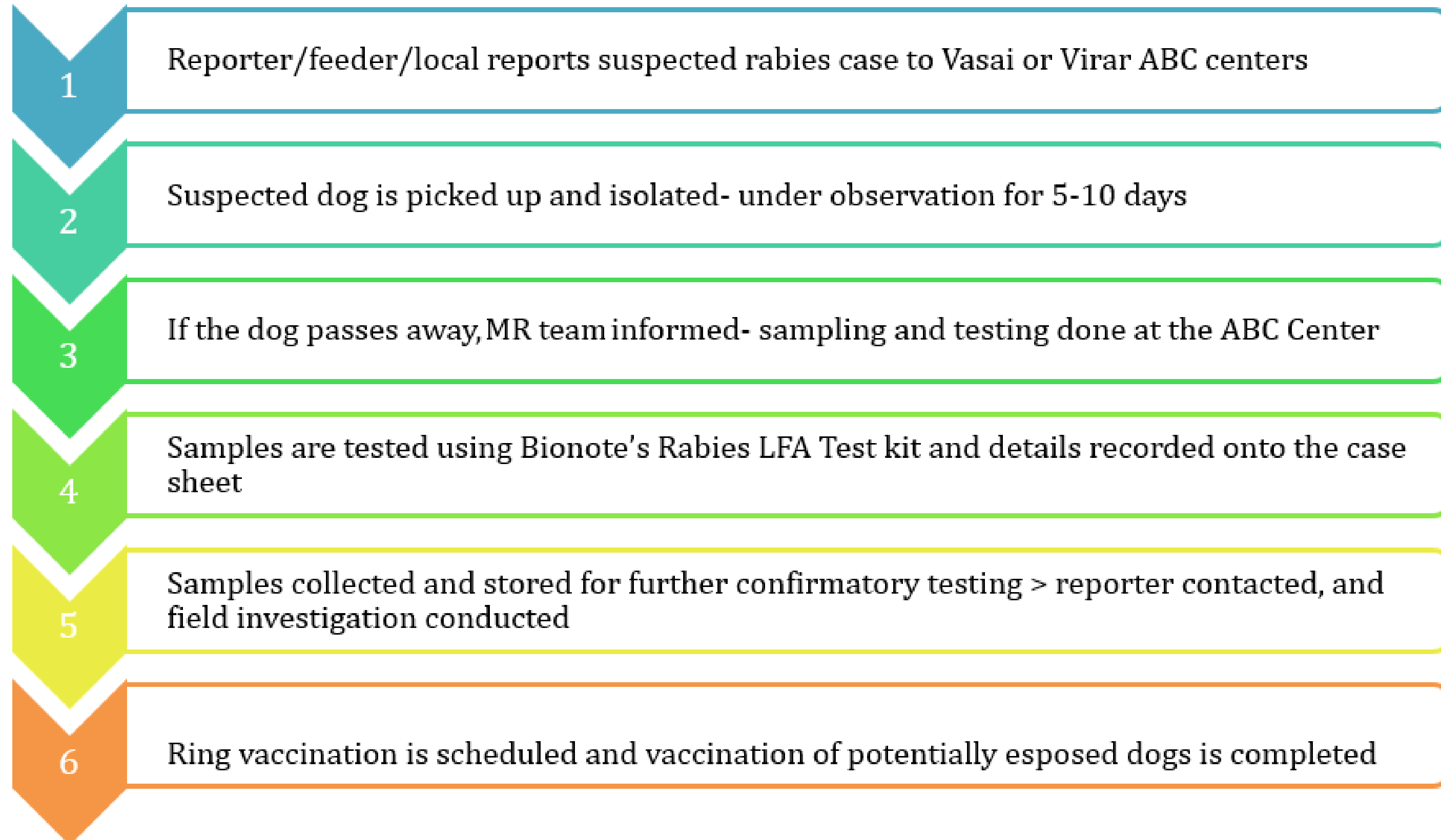
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# • Rabies Surveillance activities

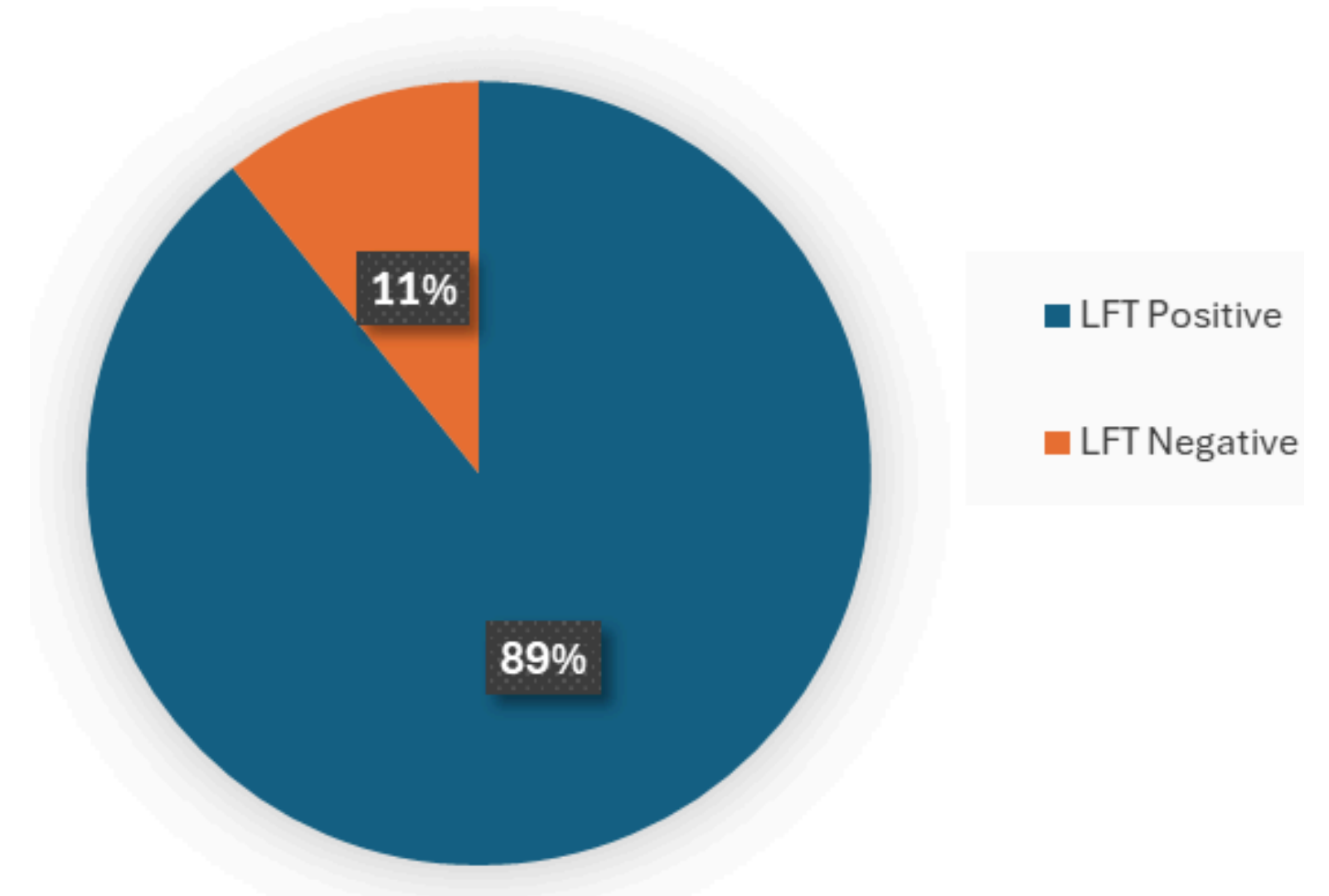
## *Flow of surveillance:*



# • Rabies Surveillance activities

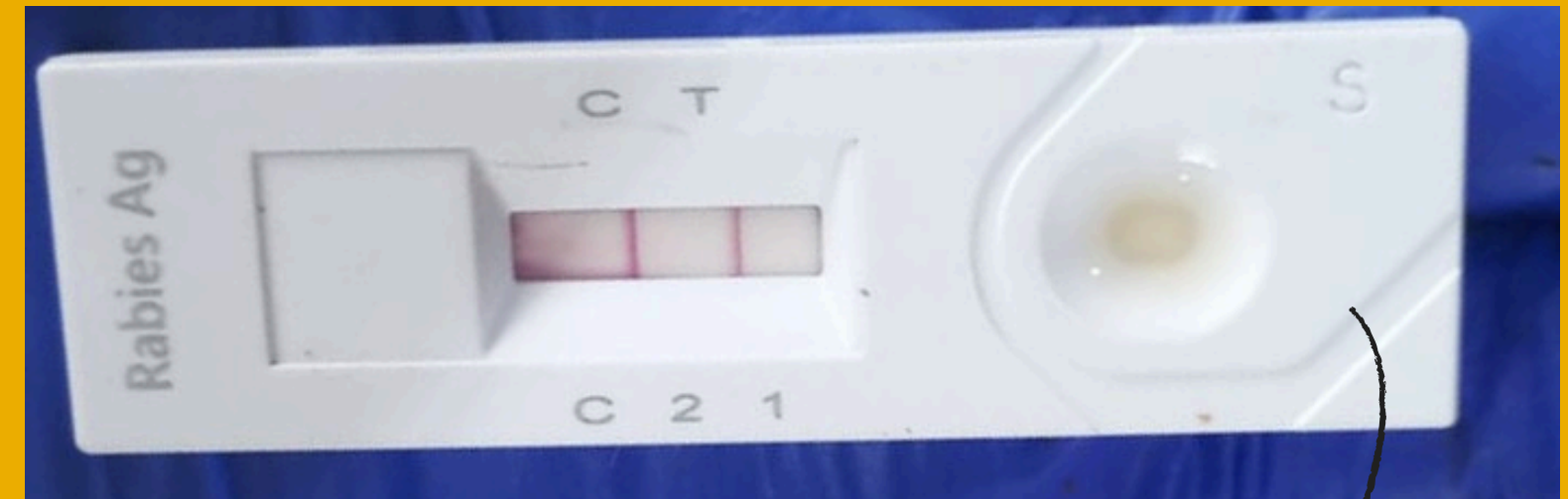
- Rabies testing is done using LFA test, a rabies rapid antigen test.
- 139 suspected rabies cases were tested from March 2025 to March 2026 in VVCMC.
- **124 cases tested positive and 15 tested negative.**
- The details about the dog's age, gender, location, neuter status, symptoms and the LFA test result are documented onto the case sheet.
- Field investigation is conducted and suspected samples are sent for further testing at NAPRE approved laboratories (NIMHANS, HAFFKINE) for further confirmatory test.

## Rabies Cases Tested in VVCMC



# • Rabies Surveillance activities

Case No.:	MH0111022026	NGO case no.:
Species:	Dog	
Age & M/F:	M / Puppy	
Neutering Status:	Not neutered	
Date of Admission:	03/02/2026	
Date of Death:	8/02/2026	
Date of PM:	11/02/2026	
Venue of PM:	Vasai ABC Center	
Reporter:	[Redacted]	
Contact Details:	[Redacted]	
Address:	Virar East, Nalshwar Nagar.	
Symptoms:	Biting.	
LFT result:	Positive	
Vet in-charge:	Dr Sundar	



Positive LFA Test

Case sheet

# • Rabies Surveillance activities



Region	Tested cases	LFT Positive	LFT Negative
Virar East	15	14	1
Virar West	19	15	4
Nalasopara East	43	40	3
Nalasopara West	12	10	2
Vasai East	21	18	3
Vasai West	25	23	2
Naigaon East	2	2	0
Naigaon West	2	2	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>15</b>

# • Case Investigations & Feeder Network

For each reported case, the Mission Rabies (MR) team conducts field investigations to assess potential rabies exposure among animals and humans. The process followed is as below:



- **Case Reported** → Reporter contacted (after LFA testing)
- **Field Investigation** → Exposure assessment (animal & human)
- **Contact Tracing** → Mapping dog movement and identify potential animal exposure
- **Ring Vaccination** → PEP for potentially exposed dogs
- **Human Follow-up** → Bite victims counselled, referred for ARV, reminders scheduled
- **Community Education** → Wound care, rabies recognition, bite prevention
- **Local Engagement** → Feeder coordination for sustained control



# ○ Case Investigations

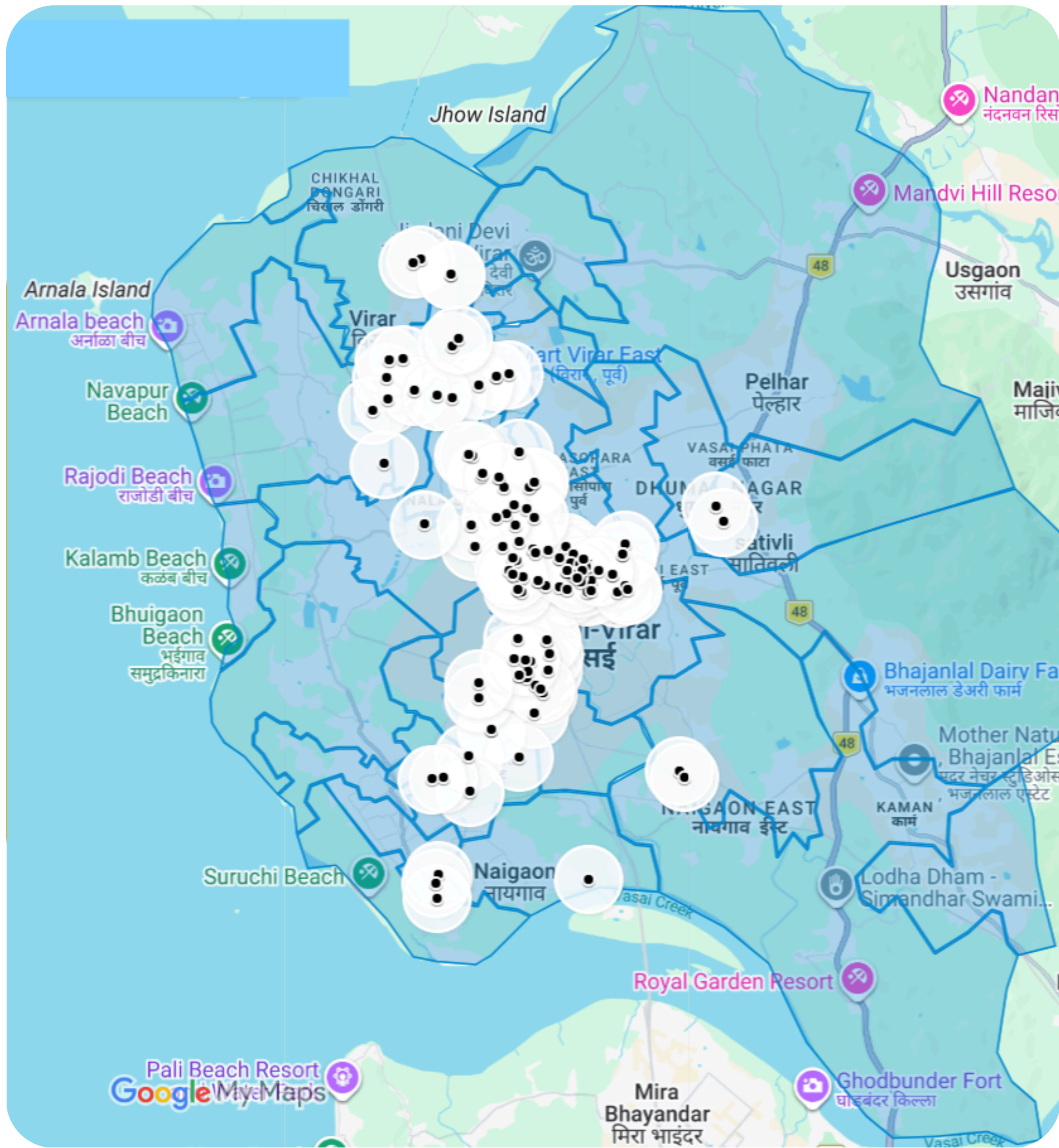
- Cases investigated in VVCMC:
  - 2025 = 39 cases
  - 2026 = 51 cases



Dog bite wound on victims

## Vaccination Record of bite victim

VASAI-VIRAR CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION			
वसई - विरार शहर महानगरपालिका (रूग्णालय / ना.प्रा.आ. केंद्र / दवाखाना)			
M. पुरुष / F. स्त्री		M-Ch. मुलगा / F.Ch मुलगी	
OPD. No. : <i>22126</i>	Date : <i>8-1-26</i>	Age : <i>7</i>	Aadhar No. :
ओपीडी क्र. : <i>22126</i>	दिनांक : <i>8-1-26</i>	वय : <i>7</i>	आधार नं.:
Name - <i>[Redacted]</i>	Caste -		जात -
संपूर्ण नांव -			
Residence -			
राहण्याचे ठिकाण -			
Date : <i>8-1-26</i>	<i>dog bite on leg R-</i>		
दिनांक :	<i>Wt = 17.8kg</i>		
	<i>वज्र - 17.8kg</i>		
	<i>7 ते 8am</i>		
	<i>1st inj - 08/01/26</i>		
	<i>2nd - 15/01/26</i>		
	<i>3rd - 05/02/26</i>		
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## ○ Feeder Network

- We are connected to a community of 513 feeders across VVCMC- their location is plotted on the map, depicted here.
- Through feeders, MR team has vaccinated 7,137 free-roaming dogs.
- Ring vaccination- 1305 dogs potentially exposed to the suspected rabies case were vaccinated through 61 feeders.

# • Rabies Education



- MR approach emphasizes on research-driven interventions and the application of the One Health framework to strengthen sustainable rabies control programmes
  - which includes community education
- Rabies awareness was carried out diligently across VVCMC
  - School sessions- 13 Zilla parishad schools and 8 other schools under VVCMC
    - 7542 students, 240 teachers educated
  - Community sessions- across 46 locations in VVCMC
    - 1060 children, 6985 adults educated
- In total, 7225 adults and 8602 children have been educated about rabies.

# • Rabies Education



Glimpses from school & community education and the Rabies Awareness Rally held in VVCMC by MR.



# • Rabies Education



# • Achievements at a glance

- Workshop on Safeguarding the Welfare of Community Animals held at Taluka Veterinary Clinic, Vasai, for NGOs and animal caregivers in VVCCMC to commemorate World Animal Day on Oct 4, 2025



(Left) Address by Mrs. Pradnya Bhagawat, Sanitary Inspector, SWM-VVCCMC, and (Right) Opening remarks by Dr. Nakul Korade, Assist. Commissioner, State AHD, Vasai.



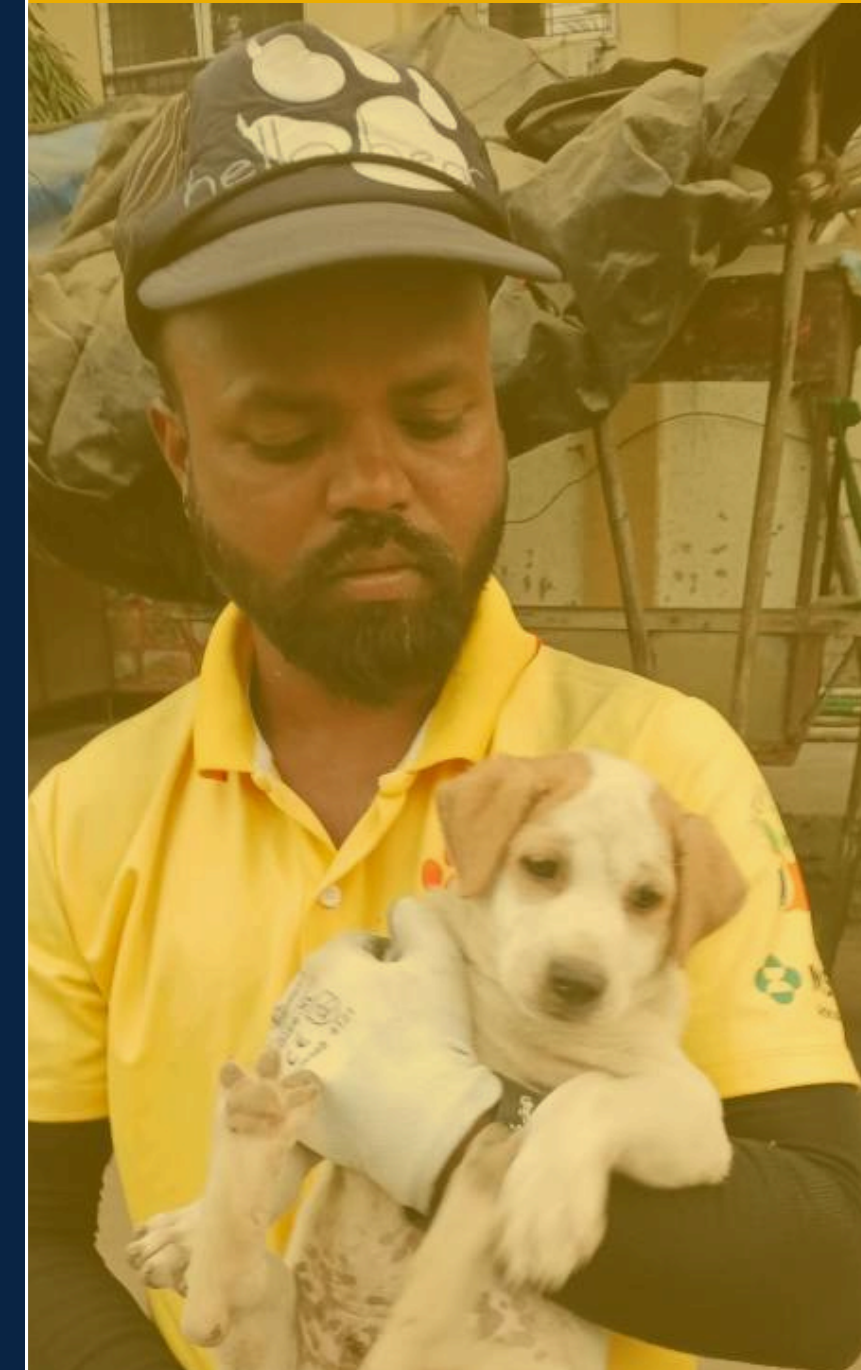
Inaugural ceremony of the workshop (seated) Dr. Shashi, WVS, Dr. Shashi, AMC, VVCMC I Ward, Dr. Nakul Korade, Assist. Comm., State AHD, alongwith participants from ABC Centers and MR team.



Dr. Shashi, WVS, during the technical session for ABC centers.

- **Achievements at a glance**

- 17,313 free roaming dogs and cats vaccinated against rabies
- 7225 adults and 8602 children have been educated about rabies
- 139 suspected rabies cases tested
- 3-day Rabies Awareness Rally and Intensive Education week in VVCMC - reaching across 12,670 people
- Community education held across 46 locations in VVCMC
- 31 bite victims advised on importance of completing vaccination schedule



# • Public Appreciation

- The MR team received appreciation for their work verbally and through social media channels. Some are shown here.



**SAA RE GA MAA ART FOR CAUSE FOUNDATION**  
508/D-6, Samindira CHS, Charkop, Sector 5, Kandivali West, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India, Pin Code - 400067

To,  
The Team at  
Worldwide Veterinary Service (WVS)  
Mission Rabies

Subject: Heartfelt Thanks for Your Support in Anti-Rabies Vaccination Drive in Nalasopara, Mumbai

Dear WVS and Mission Rabies Team,

On behalf of Saa Re Ga Maa Art for Cause Foundation, I extend our heartfelt gratitude to your organization for partnering with us for the Anti-Rabies Vaccination Drive held in Nalasopara, Mumbai on 23rd and 24th August 2025.

We are deeply grateful for the efforts of the WVS team led by Miss Joana, whose dedication, professionalism, and compassionate coordination played a key role in the success of this drive. Her team's enthusiasm and support were truly inspiring and made a lasting impression on our volunteers and the local community.

Thanks to your collective efforts, we were able to successfully vaccinate 300 dogs, contributing significantly to the fight against rabies and promoting a safer coexistence between humans and animals in the area.

This collaboration has been a meaningful and motivating experience for all of us at Saa Re Ga Maa Art for Cause Foundation. We are honored to have had the opportunity to work alongside WVS and look forward to building more impactful initiatives together in the future.

With sincere appreciation and warm regards,  
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Thanks Anna for this drive in our area on last Saturday. We need such more drives in our area. Let me know if we have services for sterilisation also.  
Regards,  
Allan

12:44 pm

You're most welcome 12:45 pm ✓✓

28 November 2025

Hello Ma'am, thank you for the vaccination drive and for sending the volunteers. Please convey my gratitude to them. There are still five or six dogs that need to be vaccinated since we could not catch them earlier. I would like to know when the volunteers might be able to return to the Vasai West area. We can then prepare in advance and secure the dogs that are still pending. Do I need to fill out the form again? Kindly let me know.  
Thanks, have a good day.

12:38 pm

No need to fill out the form 2:12 pm ✓✓

Contact me next week and I'll schedule it 2:12 pm ✓✓

Or if possible this week I'll contact you and lyk 2:12 pm ✓✓

You're most welcome 2:12 pm ✓✓

Thank you very very much vaccines are done but a few dogs did not come out so who ever was available we finished with them

12:30 pm

Thanks once again 12:30 pm

You're welcome 12:30 pm ✓✓

We will get the rest of the dogs next time 12:30 pm ✓✓

Don't worry I will call you 12:30 pm ✓✓

Thank you once again 12:38 pm

1 hrs me 36 Dog ka rabies ho gaya hai great team good Job 👍👍

1:45 pm

Thanksssss a lottttt 1:46 pm

You're most welcome 2:02 pm ✓✓

+91 83697 95977  
1 hrs me 36 Dog ka rabies ho gaya hai great team good Job 👍👍

That's great 2:02 pm ✓✓



**MR team with Dr. Nakul Korade, Assistant Commissioner, AHD.**

**MR team with NGOs- PAWS and Project Vaani, and volunteering feeders during the February Vaccination drive, VVCMC.**



# • Future Plans

- **Surveillance**
  - The rabies surveillance activities will be carried out with utmost importance as before.
  - There is an observed but slow rise in the negative LFT tests in VVCMC.
- **Education**
  - The potential rabies hotspots have been identified and it would be marked wardwise for better outreach awareness and community education.
- **Vaccination**
  - Vaccinations to be done as per requests due to the extreme weather.

With community awareness and increased surveillance, we should be able to increase empathy, rabies reporting and limit spread of misinformation about the disease.



(From left) Mrs. Archana Dive, DMC, and Mrs. Pradnya Bhagawat, Sanitary Inspector, SWM-VVCMC with Ms. Aina Kurup, COHO, MR during a stakeholder meeting.

***Rabies,  
Down Down!***



*Thank You!*