

# FAQs about... *RABORAL V-RG*<sup>®</sup>

Oral Rabies Vaccine For Wildlife

RABORAL V-RG<sup>®</sup> is an oral live-virus vaccine developed to immunize wildlife, specifically raccoons and coyotes, against rabies. The vaccine is a pink liquid sealed inside a plastic packet. The plastic packet of vaccine is placed inside a fishmeal bait or covered in a fishmeal coating to encourage consumption by raccoons and coyotes. The following are answers to frequently asked questions about RABORAL V-RG:

**W**hy is RABORAL V-RG being used in my area?

*If baiting is being conducted in your state or neighborhood, it is part of regional rabies control programs. The vaccine is distributed into these environments by your public health officials to vaccinate populations of wildlife where rabies has been detected.*

**H**ow is it distributed?

*In open or rural areas, the most efficient way to vaccinate wild animals is to drop bait units from low flying planes or helicopters. In urban or suburban areas, greenways or other areas visited by wild animals, bait units are distributed by authorized and trained personnel using protective gloves.*

**H**ow many have been distributed?

*In the United States, more than 12 million doses of RABORAL V-RG vaccine are used each year. Since the first use of RABORAL V-RG in the late 1980's, more than 100 million doses have been distributed around the world.*

**W**hen will it happen in my area?

*Areas baited each year in a federal or state program are determined by public health officials based on the number of rabies cases and in association with regional rabies control efforts. To learn if Oral Rabies Vaccination (ORV) programs are in your area or planned for the future, contact your local department of health or state veterinary office or visit [www.raboral.com](http://www.raboral.com) for distribution map and contact information.*

**C**an I use the product for wildlife in my yard?

*RABORAL V-RG can only be purchased and used by government agencies responsible for rabies control in a given county, state or country. State departments of health or other federal agencies determine the locations where the bait units are used each year in their efforts to control rabies in a specific area.*

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What if I find a bait unit?

If a bait is found in your yard, driveway, street or other area that is not suitable, you should contact your local public health officials or call 1-877-RABORAL (1-877-722-6725). A person under 18 years of age or who is pregnant or immuno-suppressed should not touch the RABORAL V-RG bait.



What if my dog or cat eats a bait unit?

Since the bait units are manufactured to attract wild animals, they might also attract dogs and cats. The bait itself is made of fishmeal and other materials and does not contain vaccine, the vaccine is in the plastic sachet. Most domestic cats cannot penetrate the fishmeal bait, thus rarely eat the vaccine container. Remember you should never attempt to take a bait away from your pet, as you may be bitten. Should your pet eat the RABORAL V-RG bait unit in its entirety, it has been demonstrated safe in more than 60 species<sup>1</sup> of animals including dogs. Please note that if your pet has eaten a bait unit, this is not considered to be a vaccination. Please consult your veterinarian for your pet's vaccination needs.



Can this vaccine be used to vaccinate my cat or dog against rabies?

Although RABORAL V-RG will not harm your dog or cat, the vaccine does not replace conventional rabies vaccines. Only rabies vaccines administered by veterinarians are considered to be proof of vaccination for domestic pets.



RABORAL coated sachet



RABORAL fishmeal polymer.

For any additional questions or concerns regarding the baiting program or RABORAL V-RG call 1-877-RABORAL (1-877-722-6725).



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