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SOCIO-CULTURAL BALINESE SOCIETY AS A RISK FACTOR FOR ENDEMIC RABIES IN BALI, INDONESIA

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There was a rabies outbreak in Bali in the year 2008 and up till now, in the year 2015 it is still a major zoonotic disease affecting human health. In response to the outbreak, the government carried out strategies including mass vaccination, controlling populations by sterilization and selective elimination. The study was conducted to explore the socio-cultural Balinese society as a risk factor of rabies in Bali. The study was conducted in August 2015 located in the Gulingan village, Badung regency gathering data through questionnaires from 424 respondents. The results showed that out of 424 respondents most owned dogs for use as guarddogss (77.6%). The dogs were mainly fed once a day (75%). Male dogs (63.2%) were more commonly kept compared to female dogs (36.8%). In regard to the dog breed in the village most were local stray dogs (63.8%). The respondents mainly managed the dogs as free-roaming (62.1%), a few were leashed (15.5%) and some were kept in cages (22.4%).

The coverage of vaccination was 70% in 2010 and 89.8% in 2015 respectively. However, through the study it becomes obvious that people in the village of Gulingan mostly manage their dogs as free roaming (60%) and only feed the dogs once a day. This would lead the dogs in the village to roam out to find food even fighting with other dogs to compete for food. The socio-cultural habit of Balinese society with regards to the way they manage their dogs affects the incidence of endemic rabies in Bali. Mass socialization and continuing education of dog owners in the village to improve community participation is the key to the success of the Bali rabies eradication program.

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INTRODUCTION

Rabies is endemic in Bali. Bali experienced last December 2002, which has since caused a number 159 of human fatalities. The Balinese government in response both mass vaccination and control population by elimination of free-roaming dogs and not owner has been implemented (Putra et al., 2012).

Mass vaccination have been conducted since 2010. This achieved an estimated coverage more than 70% (Putra et al., 2012), which is the accepted coverage target to reduce virus circulation, but the spread of rabies continues to occur in Bali. The cases bites with a positive laboratory confirmation have been reported in many rural areas. There is something strange and not accordance with the theory of the eradication of rabies, it may be correlated with the socio-cultural attitudes and society in keep a dog.

METHODS

The data were collection by interview with questionnaire to the heads of families in each villages and who have dogs. The research was conducted in August 2015, in Gelingan village, Mengwi district, Badung regency, Bali. Questionnaire data were analyzed descriptively using software SPSS 13 for Windows.



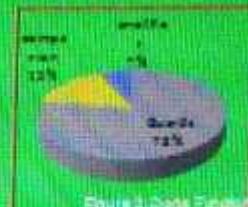
RESULTS

Out of the total number respondent (1200), were 424 respondents have a dog. Free-roaming who has dogs and non-male dogs (48.4%) (fig. 1), and they dogs' behavior due to the presence superior guard animals and to be afraid to lose which is give leftover food in making action. The male dogs gather at home of female dogs and males' movement to other place that are caused the former activity, decreased in garage areas and market. This is less efficient and that are a high risk for spreading rabies. There were also community free-roaming dog population. That will be burden of rabies control program.

Table 1. Descriptive free-roaming dogs and status. N=424

Possible Name	Breed	Status Mating
Male	60.8%	Spaying
Female	39.2%	Vaccination
Non	0.0%	

In rural areas, dogs also as function as an alarm bell and working family members to strengthen (fig. 2). That are different with in urban area are more for companion animal. There are who reported the used dogs for protecting agricultural land from monkey, especially tamarins living near forest and mountain. Dog ownership was motivated by cultural, personal taste, and function of dogs (Widodo et al. 2013).



Most of the respondents (62.3%) are still keep dogs as free-roaming (fig. 3), and the numbers has 20% high in rural areas (Suciastuti et al., 2012). Free-roaming dogs and rarely given food will be wandering to find food. Those places usually a parking areas, market, and community area. In this places have opportunity to meet and bite with rabies dog.



Bali government also had a actions after being informed about rabies (Putra et al., 2012), but the achievement is not good. In 2010, the government must be informed about rabies prevention and educating society about keeping their dogs and regular feeding and follow with program against rabies disease.

CONCLUSIONS

Socio-culture community - keep the dogs are risk factor for rabies in Bali.

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