# Potential Animal Carriers Rabies (HPR) Suspect Arriving from Java to Sumatera

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### **INTRODUCTION**

Rabies is a high risk zoonotic disease caused by Lyssavirus, this disease also categorized as strategic infectious animal disease in Indonesia. During whole 2016 and 2017, Cilegon Class II Quarantine Station have performed serology screening tests using Rabies ELISA kit produced by Veterinary Pharma Center (Pusvetma) in order to detect Rabies Antibody in dogs that crossed Cilegon Class II Quarantine Center during their transportation from West java to Sumatra. Pusvetma Rabies ELISA kit can differentiate between positive or negative results from dog's blood serum.

Most of the dogs were originated come from Sumedang and Garut area in West Java, and they sent to Sumatra to be trained as Hunting Dogs. The Indonesian Quarantine regulation stated that these transported dogs must get Rabies vaccination at least 2 weeks before transportation and have a health certificate signed by veterinarian officials from local veterinary service. Based on Annual data of Rabies ELISA serology tests from Cilegon Class II Quarantine Station, during 2016 there were 7.04% seropositive and 92.96% seronegative from 2191 serum samples. While during 2017 there were 16.89% seropositive and 83.11% seronegative from total 2273 serum samples. Data from Ministry of Health stated that during 2016 there were 1 case of lyssavirus

infection in west java, 9 in North Sumatra, and 6 in West Sumatra. During 2017 there were 0 case of Lyssavirus infection in West Java, 4 in North Sumatra, and 5 in West Sumatra.

### **MATERIAL AND METHODS**

This paper based on primary data on 2016 and 2017 Rabies ELISA tests from Cilegon Class II Quarantine Station. Secondary data based on Ministry of Health annual report from 2016 and 2017 for Rabies case of dog between origin area (West Java) and receiving areas (West and North Sumatra). Both primary and secondary data were analyzed based on annual case of positive lyssavirus infection from dog's bites on human population.

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Rabies serology test is a routine screening test that must be performed by quarantine officers for trans-island dogs from Java to Sumatra islands. Serology tests are using antibody detecting indirect ELISA kit with whole inactivated rabies virus strain Pasteur 35321 as antigen coating, provided by PUSVETMA Surabaya. This Rabies ELISA kit can differentiate between seropositive and seronegative serum from dogs, results from 2016 and 2017 serology tests were mention on table 1.

	Month	Received		Tested Samples		Positive Results		Negative Results	
No		Samples							
		2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
1	January	172	254	172	254	3	29	169	225
2	February	203	215	203	215	16	17	187	198
3	March	182	248	182	248	16	15	166	233
4	April	161	230	161	230	4	17	157	213
5	May	204	206	204	206	9	58	195	148
6	June	175	159	175	159	11	29	164	130
7	July	156	221	156	221	5	76	151	145
8	August	205	240	205	240	10	40	195	200
9	September	209	225	209	225	12	52	197	173
10	October	232	252	232	252	39	53	193	199
11	November	218	237	218	237	9	56	209	181
12	December	240	248	240	248	32	20	208	228
Ann	Annual Total Count		2735	2357	2735	166	462	2191	2273
	Annual Positive and Negative Results Precentage				7.04%	92.96%	16.89%	83.11%	

Table 1, 2016 and 2017 Annual Rabies ELISA test results in Cilegon Quarantine Station

The table described some increased Rabies ELISA positive results from 7.04% in 2016 to 16.89% in 2017, along with decreased negative results from 92.96% in 2016 to 83.11% in 2017. Research results from Mathews and Derbyshire 1984, in their stated that vaccinated dogs still have positive results of antibody even after more than 1 year after vaccination. Indonesian Quarantine Laws also obligate that transported dogs between islands require Rabies Vaccination at last 2 weeks before transportation – which could be detected as positive antibody in Rabies ELISA test.

Pusvetma Rabies ELISA kit could define between positive and negative results from transported dog's antisera, medium to high titre mean positive results and medium to low mean negative results. These facts lead to conclusion that positive antibody results from ELISA could be result from vaccination, while negative result came from non vaccinated dogs. Based on these datas from 2016 to 2017, increased rabies ELISA positive result percentages could lead to more dogs vaccinated in 2017 than in 2016 before they getting transported.

Indonesian Ministry of Health regularly published annual report of Indonesian Health Profile, a yearly report of health situation on all 34 provinces in Indonesia, zoonotic disease such Rabies also included on this report. Based on Ministry of Health 2017 report, there were decreased number of Rabies cases from 2016 to 2017 between West Java (Rabies origin area), and North and West Sumatra (Transported dogs receiving areas). Combination of Rabies situation from Ministry of Health and Rabies ELISA serology tests from Cilegon Quarantine Station showed on table 2.

Table 2, Rabies Situation on Trans	ported Dogs Origin Area an	nd Receiving Areas in Indonesia

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No	Area Description	Data	2016	2017	Potential Impact		
1	West Java (Transported Dogs	Bite Cases from Rabies Carrier	554	470	15.16 % decreased		
	Origin Area)	Animals to Human					
		Anti Rabies Vaccine for Human	213	304	42% increased		
		Bite Victims					
		Rabies Positive Infected and	1	0	100% decreased		
		Deceased Human					
2	Cilegon Quarantine Station	Received Antisera Samples	2375	2735	13.1% increased		
		% ELISA Positive Samples	7.04	16.89	9.85% increased		
		% ELISA Negative Samples	92.96	83.11	9.85% decreased		
3	North Sumatra	Bite Cases from Rabies Carrier	3881	1611	58.4% decreased		
		Animals to Human					
		Anti Rabies Vaccine for Human	2911	1231	42% decreased		
		Bite Victims					
		Rabies Positive Infected and	9	4	55.5% decreased		
		Deceased Human					
4	West Sumatra	Bite Cases from Rabies Carrier	4351	3806	12.5% decreased		
		Animals to Human					
		Anti Rabies Vaccine for Human	2992	2440	18.4% decreased		
		Bite Victims					
		Rabies Positive Infected and	6	5	16.67% decreased		
		Deceased Human					

Combined data on table 2 showed positive potential impact for vaccinated transported dogs from West Java to North and West Sumatra, where vaccination program have performed in Origin Area during 2016 to 2017. More vaccination program established mean increased ELISA positive results, and also mean decreased Rabies bite cases on human.

# CONCLUSION

Seropositive result of Rabies antibody came as prolonged effect of Rabies Vaccination. As annual seropositive results increased, the lyssavirus infection case decreased both in origin area (west Java) and also in receiving areas (North and West Sumatra). Vaccination program on origin area will have positive results for human population on receiving areas.

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