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Being a zoonotic disease rabies requires continuous monitoring, coordination of activities of national, regional and international animal health and public health services and updating of regulatory documents. It is among five diseases inflicting great economic damage and posing a constant threat to humans and animals.

Many countries consider rabies prevention and control a priority task. Its estimated that the expenditures on public health services are much higher than expenditures on veterinary services.

The purpose of the second edition of the reviewed revised and expanded monograph is to update modern views on a number of issues of rabiology (some features of etiology, epizootology in modern conditions, monitoring, diagnostics, means and methods of rabies control), based on scientific research performed by the authors and staff of the FGBI "ARRIAH". Information is provided that can be adapted for future federal rabies control programs in Russia and CIS countries.

A long period of rabies persistence in the CIS member states is determined by the presence of natural foci of rabies, the diversity of those involved in the epidemic process and a large number of susceptible animals.

Natural rabies foci in the neighboring countries of the former USSR are maintained by wild carnivores not recognizing borders.

The authors believe that the solution to the problem of rabies rests on the lack of knowledge of both fundamental and applied issues, as well as organizational program-related issues.

The monograph includes a large amount of modern scientific data, written in good scientific language, illustrated with numerous author's tables, drawings, and photographs. The materials presented in the monograph can be used by scientists involved in the study of animal rabies, students in the course of specialized disciplines in higher educational institutions and veterinary specialists in the prevention and elimination of rabies both in Russia and in neighboring countries.