

Wild Animal Injury in Taiwan.

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摘要

Abstract

Taiwan's varied landforms contribute to its abundant wild life species. Despite the decreasing number of wild animals caused by the cultivation of forest zone and over hunting on the island, cases of wild animal bite are still reported each year. The focus of care for these cases includes wound care, tetanus immunization, and human-animal communicable diseases prevention and treatment. It is also an important part of wilderness medicine. Along with the frequent interactions among Taiwan and other rabies epidemic areas and the rampant smuggling of wild animal in black market, the threat of rabies needs to be critically considered and recognized in Taiwan.(Ann Disaster Med. 2004;3 Suppl 1:S18-S29)