

# ***Rabies outbreak gives 14 painful treatment***

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Fourteen people from Mountain Village, most of them children, are presently being treated for exposure to a dog discovered to have rabies, and many village dogs have been killed.

The situation came to the attention of PHS Hospital after

a number of people were bitten on April 28th. When lab tests confirmed the dog was rabid, all those who were bitten by the dog or came in close contact with it were brought into Bethel, where the 21 day series of anti-rabies shots were started. Eleven of the 15 people were children between the ages of two and eleven and some may have just hugged the dog. The first

six shots were administered here in Bethel to make sure there were no ill side effects, and the rest are being given at Mountain Village, the health aide, Angela Joe, said.

The outbreak of rabies led to a quarantine order that all dogs in the community be kept in the village under close observation from state health officials. The quarantine will remain in effect

until officials determine the disease is under control and is no longer a threat to local residents.

It was also decided by the residents of Mountain Village to shoot any dog that did not have a rabies vaccination. Though many of the 78 dogs shot were strays, some belonged to people, which made it hard.

It was thought that the rabies

could have been carried by fox, a common carrier of the disease, when three dead fox were found outside the village.