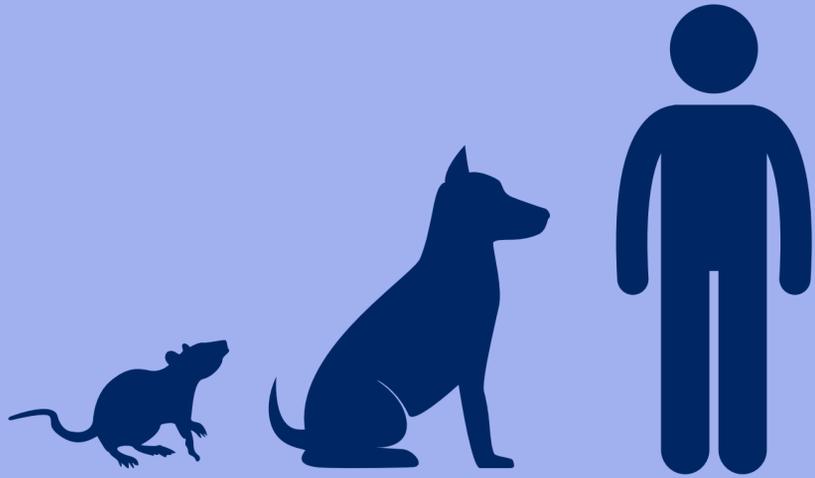


# Leptospirosis in Dogs

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*Protect your dog — and yourself — from this potentially deadly disease*



## Affects multiple species

Leptospirosis is a bacterial disease that spreads through urine and can infect wildlife, farm animals, rodents, dogs, and humans.



## Early treatment is key

Antibiotics are highly effective if they're given early. Without treatment, the disease can cause severe kidney or liver damage and may be fatal.



## Bacteria can survive in water or soil for weeks or months

Dogs usually become infected by drinking, swimming, or walking through contaminated water.



## Reduce the risk

Getting your dog vaccinated against the disease and keeping your dog away from standing water are the best ways to protect against the disease.