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A RACE AGAINST TIME

Incoming call!
Let's get it!

Right
on!



Young male victim...
Dog bite!

Oh-oh. Hope it isn't a bite from a rabies-
infected dog!



WEEEEEEEOOOOOOOOOOOOH!



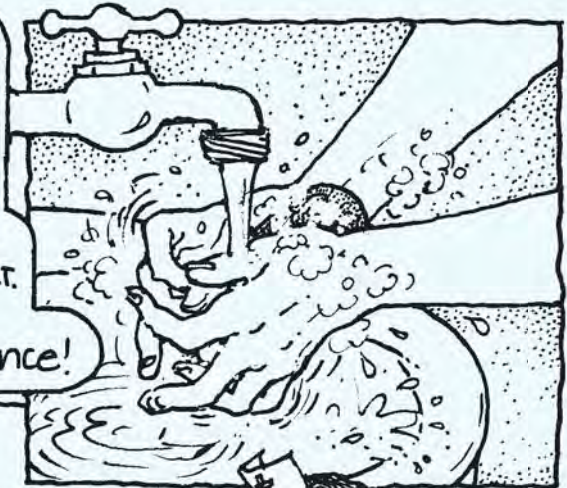
Here is my son. And there is the
dog that bit him.

Look at my
nice truck!





There are basically three types of dog bite. The first is the **SOFT BITE**. The skin is not broken. You just need to wash it with soap and water. No need for the clinic or an ambulance!



The second is like a scratch. It breaks the skin but there is not much blood, sometimes none. But for safety, go to the clinic! They will help you there.



The third kind is the most serious! It's when the dog's teeth have bitten into the flesh and there is a lot of bleeding!

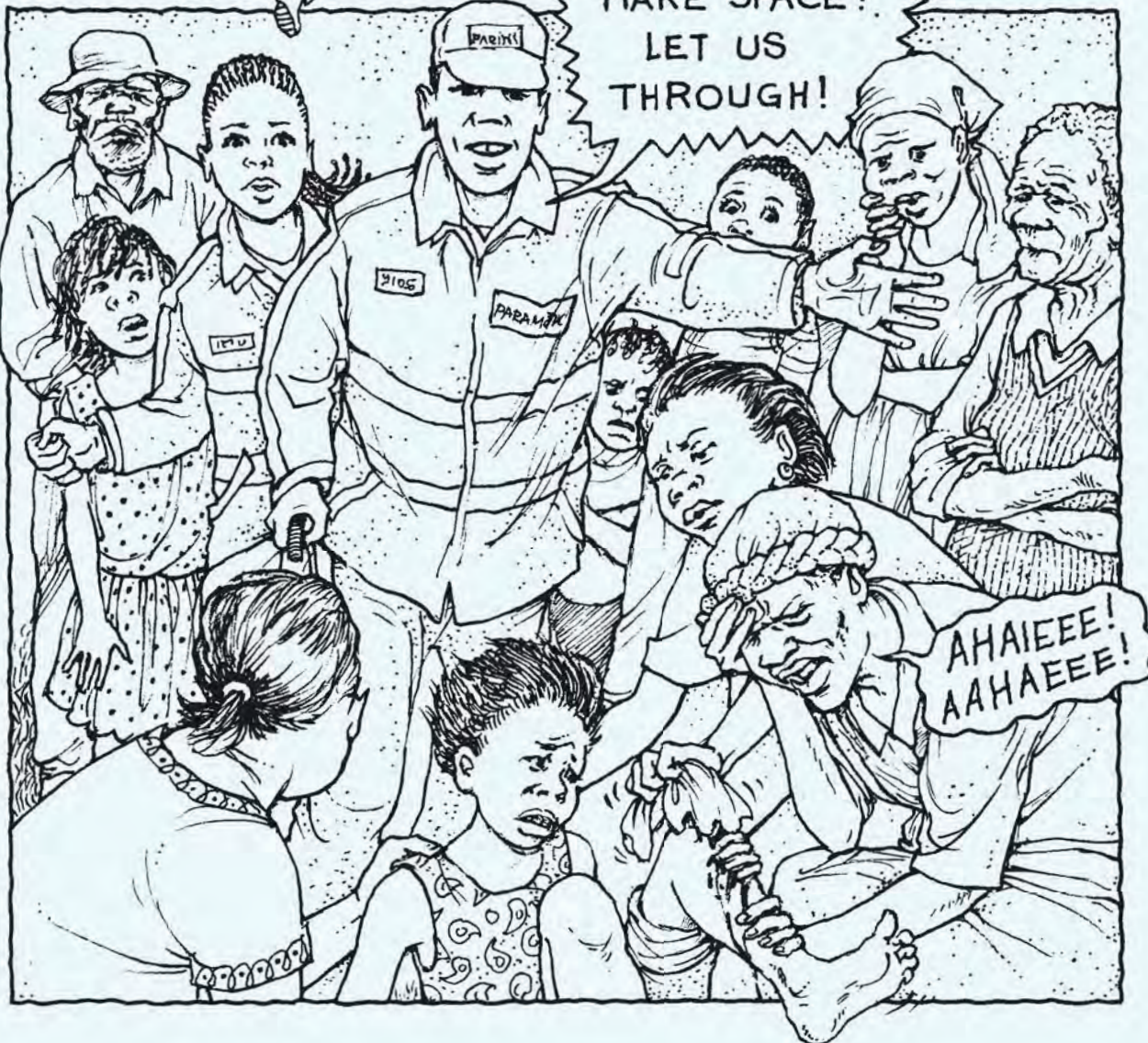


THIS IS WHEN YOU NEED TO CALL AN AMBULANCE!





MAKE SPACE!
LET US
THROUGH!



AAIEEEEE!
AAIEEEEE!



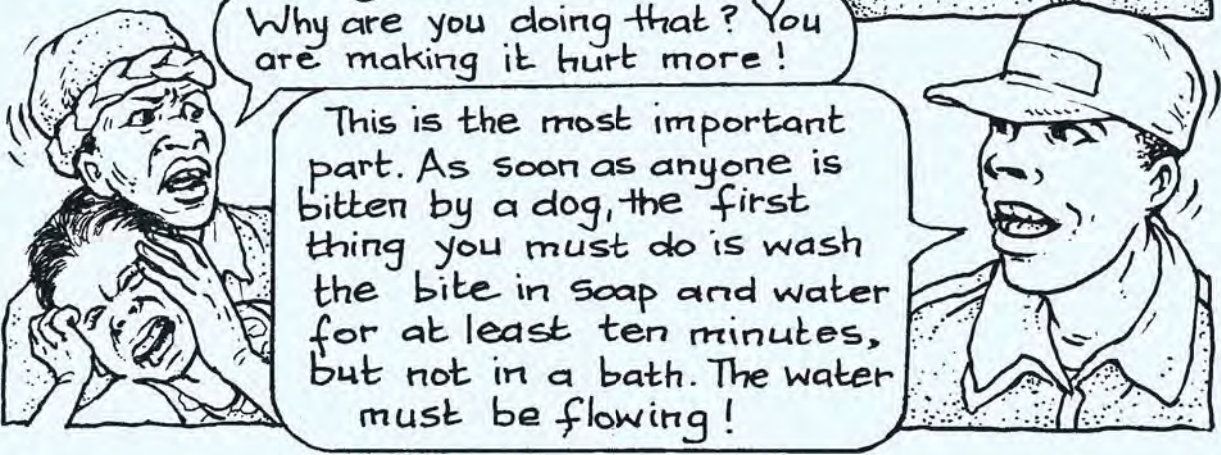
Bring lots of water, quickly!

Come, girlie. Lie still now. We're here to help you.



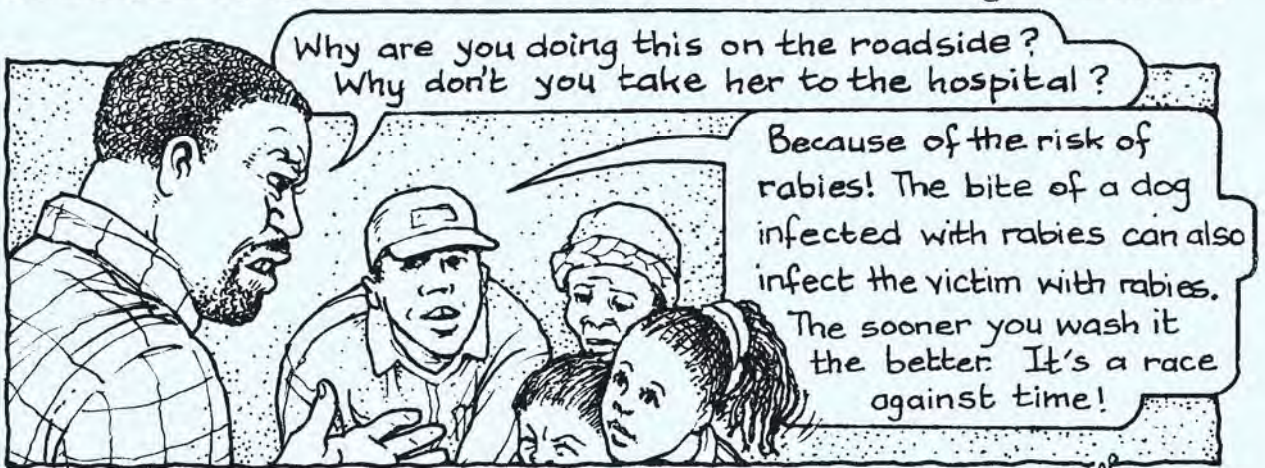
AAHAA! THAT SOAP BURNS! AAAAAH!

RUB RUB RUB



Why are you doing that? You are making it hurt more!

This is the most important part. As soon as anyone is bitten by a dog, the first thing you must do is wash the bite in soap and water for at least ten minutes, but not in a bath. The water must be flowing!





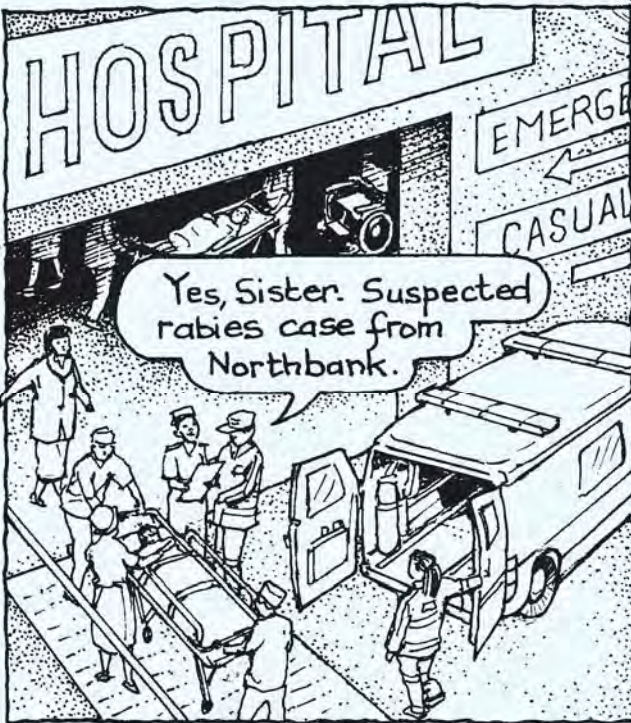
This isn't over yet, Mama! Your daughter will need injections for the next two weeks to make sure that she doesn't get rabies. This is VERY, VERY IMPORTANT!



I hear you, Nqobile.



Guess what, kid! We're going to switch on the siren specially loud just for you!



Yes, Sister. Suspected rabies case from Northbank.



Shall we try to grab that cup of coffee?



NO-O-O, Bhekisisa! We're on the road again!

A Race Against Time

Activities

1. Turn this story into a play:

Learners take different roles and read the dialogue.

Learners should also play the roles of the animals.

Imagine your play is going to be televised.

Act with emotion and empathy.

2. Create a song for this story.

Can you introduce the sound of an ambulance siren?

The lamenting of the family at the site of the emergency?

The rejoicing?

3. Find out:

What kind of person can become a paramedic?

Would it appeal to you?

Why do you say that?

Do you think Bheki and Sisi work well together?

Research what kind of training a paramedic undergoes.

4. Who in the class has been bitten by a dog?

A cat? A mongoose or jackal?

Tell your stories.

How did you deal with the bite?

5. Who in your class has a cell phone?

Do you have any emergency numbers on your call lists?

Bheki and Sisi's first call was unnecessary.

When should you call out an ambulance?

Make a poster with emergency numbers and decorate it. Put it on the wall of your classroom.

6. **Does your school have a first-aid kit?**

If not, work together to collect items and make a special box with a red cross on it for first-aid materials. Find a special, safe place to keep it.

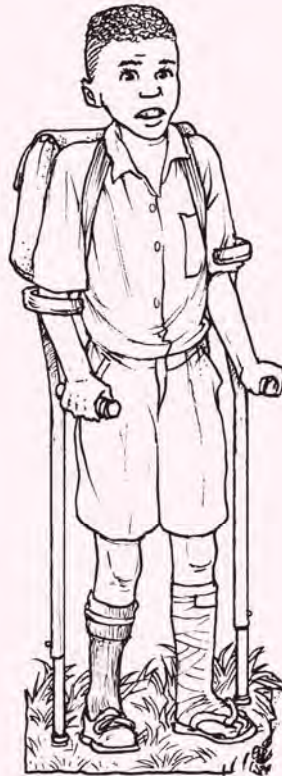
7. **Create a large poster for your class depicting the procedure for dealing with a dog bite.** Make a red border for the poster.

8. **Did you know that a human bite carries more germs than a dog bite?**

Could a human being carry rabies? Research this.

Discussion:

Why is it important not to panic if some kind of health emergency occurs? What are the responsibilities of various members of the community?



SIYABONGA'S HORRIBLE HOLIDAY



Early on Monday we got a big fright...



I was bitten by a dog! Here's the story...

A long weekend was coming up! Thursday and Friday were to be public holidays! BUT...

Siyabonga, I have to work all weekend. I've decided to send you to my brother and his family.

But Ma, I could stay here alone. I'm not a baby. Or I could go and stay with Dumi. Please!

You can't stay alone! Who knows what could happen? I've already called my brother. He's expecting you this evening.

Ma, I don't really get on very well with my cousins. I'd be much happier staying with Dumisani!

Siyabonga, I don't have time to argue about this! Go and pack your bag.

And that was that! Don't my feelings count at all?



The taxi journey over the mountains took nearly two hours. The people in the taxi were really nice. Even my cousins looked pleased to see me.



I don't remember seeing that dog before.

Things were okay at first, but by Friday afternoon...

I'm bored.

So am I!





HEY, HEY, HEY!

STOP! STOP THIS! You are doing something very disgusting!

Oh? Now what gives YOU such a big mouth? Huh?

You're just a nerdy little jerk. Why do we have to put up with you anyway? I'm going to teach you a lesson!

Ooo-ooo! Here's trouble! Ooo-ooo!

Oo-oo Oo-ooo Oo-oo!

Now they're going to attack that other boy...

Little cousin, you're also going to play with this dog!

NO! LET GO OF ME!



HUH? NOW WHAT?

No-one must come near me. They are all my enemies!

HRRRRRRRRRRRRRR!

I'm going to have to jump very fast - and grab the shoe.

Sssah!
Sssah! Get him!

AAAUGHHHHHH!!!
HELP!!

AAAAAAH!
HRRRRRRRRRRRRRR
HRRRRRRRRRRRRRR

Oh-oh. We'd better get him away!

Pull!
Pull!

WHAT THE @*☆ IS GOING ON HERE?

It's Dad!
Run!

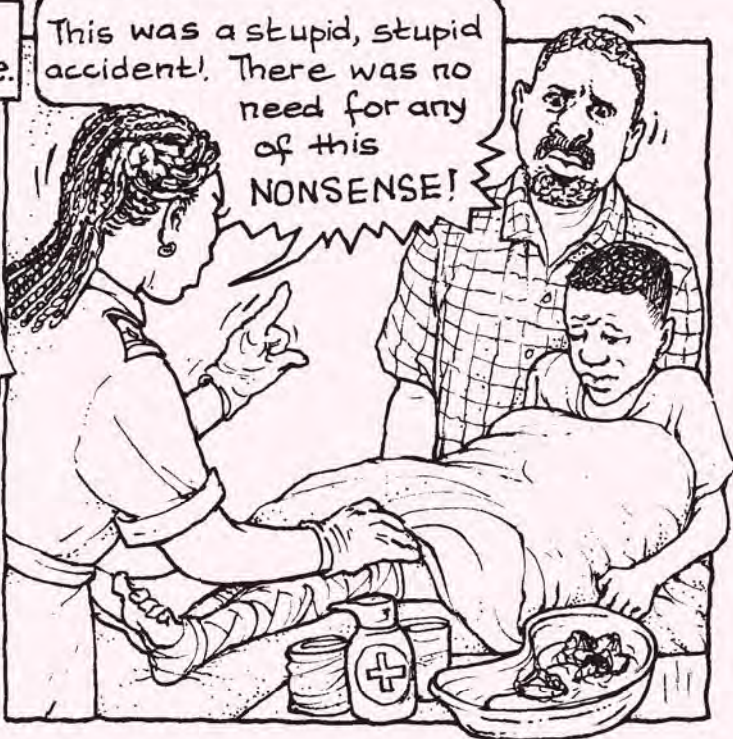
The cousins ran away and hid in the bushes by the river. They were too scared to come home.

WAAAAAAH!

My Uncle rushed me to the clinic. We saw Sister Radebe.



This was a stupid, stupid accident! There was no need for any of this NONSENSE!



I have treated Siyabonga for rabies. He must have injections for two weeks at the clinic at home.



Do you know how many dogbite cases I see every week? And just about all of them are the result of irresponsible childish naughtiness!



My uncle really spoiled me for the rest of the weekend.

Sunday evening... time to go home.

The taxi's here.

I'd really like to make friends with you. But I'm too afraid.

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Well, guys, that was my horrible holiday. I hope you had a better weekend!

So did the cousins get punished for what they did to you?

Well, let's just say they are not going to tease that dog again!

So are you going to be scared of dogs for ever?

It's funny. I'm scared of that dog. But I know he only bit me because he was being badly treated!

I'd like to do something to help him!

Aaah, no! You're crazy! And your mother wouldn't let you.

That's a very unhappy family, Dumi. I have a feeling that I should try to change things in some way.

The bell rings for the start of school...

Come on!

So Siyabonga has a dream. This story was all about hurting. Now the healing has to begin!

Siyabonga's Horrible Holiday

Activities

- 1. Perform a play using the story as a script.**

Learners take different roles and read the dialogue.
Create some of your own action.
The animal parts must be included.
Imagine your play is being televised.
Put emotion and energy into your acting.
- 2. Collect or make "props" for the play.**

The word "props" comes from "properties", which means articles or objects used during the performance.
For this play you will need a set of crutches for Siyabonga, a dog chain or rope, and a shoe.
You could also find a tray for Uncle to bring Siyabonga his coffee.
- 3. There are many opportunities for song and dancing in this story.**

You could create a happy chorus for people travelling in the taxi, a song for the dog howling on its chain, a song for the cousins hiding in fear by the river, a song of farewell when Siyabonga goes home.
A play that contains music and singing as part of the dialogue has a special name.
Do you know what it is?
- 4. Try to find a Community Health Worker to come to the class** and describe what his or her job involves, and consider how you would like to do a job like that.
Write this person a letter of thanks for visiting you.
- 5. Pretend you are Siyabonga.**

Write a letter to your cousins.
Think of a name for each of them, and their dog. Put the names in your salutation (This means the greeting part of your letter).
Tell them about how your leg has healed and that you forgive them for what happened, and WHY you forgive them. This is very important! Think about this carefully.

Discuss

- 1 After the play, discuss what it was like to experience acting out these roles. Was it a challenge to portray Siyabonga? This part requires the actor to show emotion and pain. What about the cousins? Are they really bad people? Or do you think they are lacking in family guidance and support? What about love? Their father is a frightening man. Do you think he is lonely? How must it feel to raise four sons as a single parent? Siyabonga's mother is also a single parent. Why do you think she feels pressure to be so strict? Do you think she needs a holiday herself? How do you think she felt when Siyabonga returned home injured? Siyabonga is a kind boy. Give several reasons how one can see this. For the actor who took the part of the dog: this was a very difficult task, to portray emotion through an animal form. Did the rest of the class think your performance was convincing? How did you feel playing this part? Sad and helpless? Or did you feel rage and desperation? Do you think this is an acceptable way to treat an animal? Do you think a dog on a chain could ever be a good watchdog?
2. Sister Radebe was in charge of the clinic. She obviously cares about the welfare of the community. Why was she so angry?
3. Find out what Sister Radebe's qualifications are likely to be. How long do you think she has been a nurse? Do you think her job must be very difficult? What are the challenges in the community? Would you like to have her job?
4. It seems that Siyabonga is trying to work out a plan to help his cousins and their dog. What do you think he could do? Are there any authorities he could go to for guidance and support? What about the Church, Social Welfare, and Animal Welfare?



"BITEY" CHARLIZE



Look, Tumi!
Dad's got a
surprise
for you!

OOH! A puppy?
Dad, you promised
me a puppy!

All the way from the
city on the bus!

Dad, she's
too adorable!
Thank you!

Let me hold her! She's
going to be MY dog!



MOMMY!

No, she's MINE!
Give her here!
Let ME
hold her!

Who are these
strange people?
I'm tired! I'm
thirsty! I want
my mommy!

I'm going to
name her
Charlize!





My turn to play with the puppy! I love the puppy!

EEEEEEEE!
HELP!

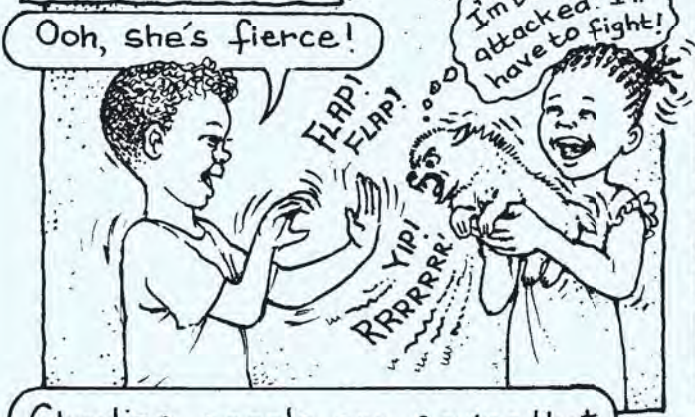
No, she's mine!



NOW YOU LISTEN TO ME!

Charlize is my dog and you are to treat her gently! She's only a baby!

But Tumi has to go to school and the little children and their friends play with Charlize.



Ooh, she's fierce!

I'm being attacked! I'll have to fight!

FLAP!
FLAP!

YIP!
RRRRR!



Hee hee hee!
She's chasing us!

Ooo!
CHARLIZE!

Oooo!
CHARLIZE!

HRRRRAH!

RRRRAAH!
YIP RAAAAH!

Charlize, people are saying that you have grown into a nasty "bitey" dog!



I only love you!

It's true, Tumi. When I have to go out I often have to tie Charlize up.



I'm so bored with this backyard! Why can't Tumi come and help me?

Charlize has made another friend - Skuzari the sheepdog.

YAY! I need an adventure!

I'll show you where we can chase rabbits! We can also eat out of a good dustbin. I can knock it over for us!

A long chase on a hot day... The rabbit escapes AGAIN!

Ah-ah-ah-ah-ah! Why don't you ever catch the rabbit? We could eat it!

Because I'm a herding dog! But the dump is another story.

YUM YUM! Here's some good garbage!

But best of all is chasing cars!

©#☆!! dog!

HAA! GO HOME!!

HEY! GO HOME!

HRRRRAH!!!
Kerr RRAH!!!
HARRRAH!!!

CHARLIZE!
NO!

The welfare volunteers come to dip the dogs against ticks and fleas.

Can someone catch that little dog?
We haven't dipped her yet.

NO! That's Charlize. Everyone's scared of her. She'll never get dipped. She'll probably die of tickbite fever.

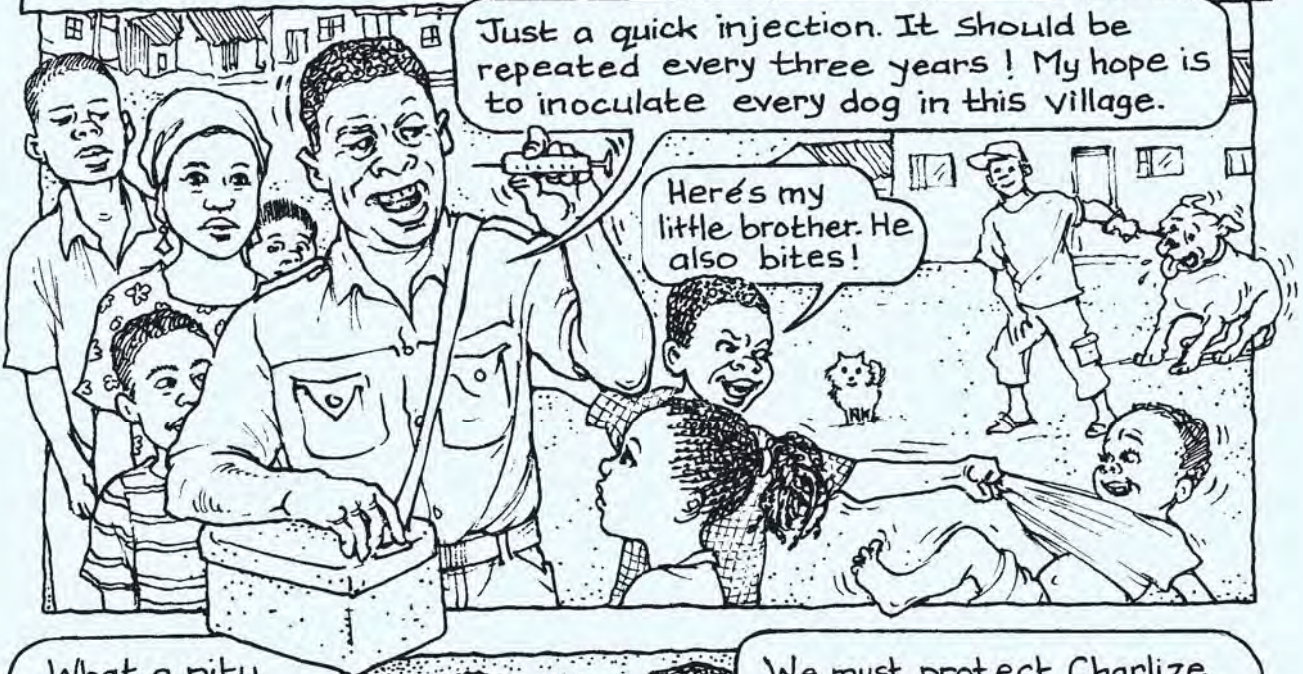


One evening...

A rabies epidemic has been proclaimed! The State Veterinary Service is launching a national campaign to immunize as many dogs as possible!



The Department of Agriculture sends Veterinary Health Technician Ronny Modisane to the village. He has a huge task ahead of him.



Just a quick injection. It should be repeated every three years! My hope is to inoculate every dog in this village.

Here's my little brother. He also bites!

What a pity Tumi's at school! No-one can handle Charlize. She's not going to get her rabies shots.

We must protect Charlize from health risks like rabies. If you can't catch her, I'll have to carry on. I've got too much to do here!



Ronny does an amazing job. All the dogs in the village are immunized... All except "Bitey Charlize."

'Bye, Ronnie!

'Bye, Ronnie!

We couldn't handle Charlize, Tumi. She didn't get her shots!

Oh no! My poor little dog! She's at risk for rabies!



Skuzani and Charlize are out chasing traffic again!

YIP-YIP!
GHRRAAH!

Voetsak, you
pesty mongrel!

GO,
CHARLIZE!

Here comes a tractor!
Oooh! Those big bouncy tyres!

CHARLIZE!

GWAAK!

COME QUICKLY, TUMI!
Charlize has been hit by
a tractor! She's hurt!

This is a school classroom,
sonny! Tumi is busy!

NO, NO! SIR! Charlize bites
everyone! I've got to go!
PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE!



Oh Charlize! Please don't die!

Sorry, little girl! I didn't mean to hurt your dog!

Tumi and her mother get a lift. They rush Charlize to the vet.

I think she's been very lucky. She's badly bruised but there are no broken bones. We'll have to watch her carefully. I'll treat her for shock and pain.

You will have to bring her back to get her rabies shot. And she needs to be spayed!



Lie still, Charlize.

Charlize hasn't been socialized responsibly. That's why she has become a problem in the community, and a danger to herself.

So what can I do to stop Charlize biting people?

Well, it's late to begin, but she must be able to trust people. She deserves respect. No more running in the road, and she mustn't be tied up!



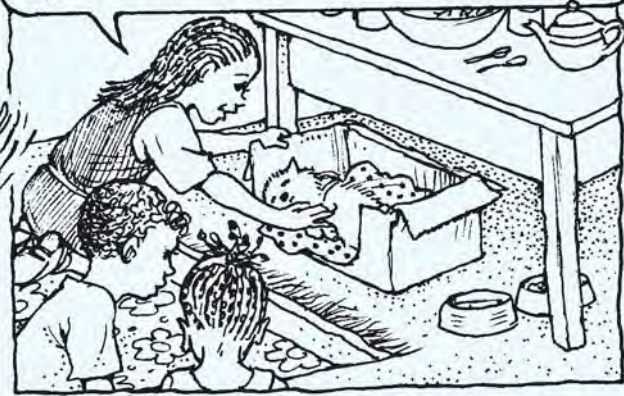
WHERE AM I? What a horrible dream!

She's going to be okay!



YAY! CHARLIZE IS BACK FROM THE HOSPITAL!

The doctor says we must remember how tiny Charlize is! No more rough games. We must take better care of her.



Now what are you doing?

I'm preparing a surprise for you!



For us?

I MEAN IT!



KEEP THIS GATE SHUT!
OR YOU WILL BE IN BIG TROUBLE!

Three months later...

Charlize has been spayed. And she's had her rabies shot!

Sorry, no more chasing the cars, Skuzani.

And no more good rubbish!



We're very gentle with her. She's not quite so fierce any more!



Actually, these kids aren't really so bad!

"Bitey" Charlize

Activities

- 1. Turn this story into a play.**

Learners take different roles and read the dialogue.
Create some of your own action.
Learners should also play the roles of the animals.
Imagine your play is going to be televised. Act with emotion and empathy.
- 2. Create a dance to be included in the performance.**

For example create a dance for Charlize and Skuzani, streetwise and lively, or a dance to portray the inoculation campaign.
Create a chorus for the dance.
- 3. Find out more about what the State Veterinary Health Technicians do.**

What is their training?
Would you enjoy doing a job like that? Discuss.
Invite a health technician from your nearest State Veterinary Health depot to come and talk to your class.
- 4. Do a survey among your friends, school-mates and neighbours.**

Whose dog has been vaccinated by a vet?
Whose dog has not?
If you think your area has a need for a rabies inoculations, contact the relevant officials to take action. Your community leaders can assist with this request.
- 5. Some of you may want notices for your own gates.**

Help one another with the wording and the design.
You might want to keep your own animals inside, or small children from running in the road.
- 6. What does spaying and neutering mean?**

Discuss why sterilizing our pets is a good thing to do.
For example: male dogs no longer chase after female dogs, causing a nuisance.
There are no more unwanted puppies without good homes.



Discuss:

1. Say why you think Charlize became aggressive. Do you think she was a victim?
2. Talk about bullying. Why do you think some children become bullies? Are they also victims of some kind?
3. Tumi is a strong personality. She is able to take charge of a situation and think of solutions. Do you think that one day she will be a good mother to her own children ? Why does Charlize love her best ?
4. Why do you think dogs chase cars?
5. Tumi has made a spelling-mistake on her notice-board. What is it? What is the correct spelling?
6. Do you know what your dog's birthday is? Think of a birthday gift your dog would enjoy. Do you think this is a crazy idea? Why do you say that?
7. Puppies are often taken too early from their mothers. Do you think this happened to Charlize? What can happen to a puppy taken away too soon?