

Enemies

The fox's enemies are lynxes and humans. But one of the fox's worst enemies is a deadly *disease* called *rabies*. When foxes get rabies, this is not only dangerous for the foxes themselves but also for other animals and for humans. Rabies is *transmitted* by *saliva*. Dogs or cats can get infected and transmit the disease to humans, usually by biting them. People who are bitten have to go to a doctor immediately and get an injection, so that they don't get the disease.

When the disease was spread in Switzerland, people killed a lot of foxes by gassing the dens. Then someone had a better idea: They put a *vaccine* into the heads of dead chickens and left the heads in the woods where foxes lived. The foxes ate the chicken heads and as a result they couldn't get ill.

<u>disease</u>	<u>Krankheit</u>
<u>rabies</u>	<u>Tollwut</u>
<u>transmit</u>	<u>übertragen</u>
<u>saliva</u>	<u>Speichel</u>
<u>vaccine</u>	<u>Impfstoff</u>