

Rabies Control Program

For the month, **no animals** were confirmed rabid by laboratory analysis at the New York State Rabies Laboratory, and **no one** began post exposure treatment.

However, there were a number of rabid acting raccoons where no exposure to a human or domestic animal occurred or where a rabid acting animal escaped and could not be tested. It is important to be aware that rabid animals may appear at any location in the County and at any time. People should keep their pets vaccinated and avoid contact with wild animals.

Key Data Overview		
	This Month	YTD
Bites¹	33	134
Non Bites²	7	25
Referrals to Other Counties	15	34
Submissions to the NYS Rabies Lab	10	63
Human Post-Exposure Treatments	9	35
Unvaccinated Pets 6-Month Quarantined³	3	5
Unvaccinated Pets Destroyed⁴	0	0
Rabid Animals (Laboratory Confirmed)	0	4

¹ "Bites" include all reported bites inflicted by mammals and any other wounds received while saliva is present.

² "Non-bites" include human exposures to saliva of potentially rabid animals. This also includes bats in rooms with sleeping people or young children where the bat was unavailable for testing.

³ When an otherwise healthy, unvaccinated pet has contact with a rabid animal, or suspect rabid animal, that pet must be quarantined for 6 months or euthanized. Quarantine must occur in a TCHD-approved facility (such as a kennel) at the owner's expense. If the pet is still healthy at the end of 6 months, the exposure did not result in rabies and the pet is released.

⁴ Pets must be euthanized if they are unvaccinated and have been in contact with a rabid or suspect rabid animal and begin to display signs consistent with rabies. Alternatively, a pet is euthanized if a prescribed 6-month quarantine cannot be performed or the owners elect euthanasia instead of quarantine.

Reports by Animal Type								
	Bites		Animals sent to the NYS Rabies Laboratory				Rabid Animals	
	Month	YTD	By TCHD	By NYS Vet College (Cornell)	Totals		Month	YTD
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Cat	17	59	0	0	0	7	0	0
Dog	15	65	0	0	0	5	0	0
Cattle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Horse/Mule	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
Sheep/Goat	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0
Other Domestic	0	2	0	1	1	2	0	0
Raccoon	0	0	2	0	2	4	0	1
Bats	1	2	4	0	4	25	0	0
Skunks	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Foxes	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	2
Other Wild	0	4	0	1	1	9	0	1
Totals	33	134	6	4	10	60	0	4