

Rabies Control Program

There were three bats confirmed positive for rabies by the Wadsworth Laboratory during September and eleven people received post exposure prophylaxis. Additionally, there was an attack by a red fox resulting in an exposure of saliva to a fresh cut. The fox escaped, but was presumed to be rabid as per NYSDOH protocol. The exposed person received rabies post exposure treatment.

September free rabies clinics for cats, dogs, and ferrets were held in Newfield and Groton.

Key Data Overview		
	This Month	YTD
Bites¹	26	214
Non Bites²	8	95
Referrals to Other Counties	1	48
Submissions to the NYS Rabies Lab	15	162
Human Post-Exposure Treatments	11	112
Unvaccinated Pets 6-Month Quarantined³	0	6
Unvaccinated Pets Destroyed⁴	0	1
Rabid Animals (Laboratory Confirmed)	3	12

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.

³When 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 CU Vet College	Totals		Month	YTD
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Cat	6	85	1	2	3	14	0	0
Dog	18	115	1	0	1	10	0	0
Cattle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Horse/Mule	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	0
Sheep/Goat	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Other Domestic	0	2	0	1	1	4	0	0
Raccoon	0	1	1	0	1	8	0	2
Bats	2	6	4	2	6	101	3	5
Skunks	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Foxes	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	2
Other Wild	0	4	0	2	2	15	0	3
Totals	26	215	7	8	15	162	3	12