

**Rabies Control Program**

There were three confirmed cases of rabies in Tompkins County during April 2015. Two rabid raccoons were killed by two dogs, both dogs with severely lapsed vaccinations. Both dogs were placed under six month quarantines. A rabid coyote interacted with a vaccinated dog. The dog involved with the rabid coyote had a current rabies vaccination and required only a rabies booster shot.

It is impossible to predict when or where the next rabid wildlife animal will appear, so it is important to keep all pets currently vaccinated for rabies, including indoor only animals.

<b>Key Data Overview</b>				
	<b>This Month</b>	<b>YTD 2015</b>	<b>YTD 2014</b>	<b>TOTAL 2014</b>
<b>Bites<sup>1</sup></b>	14	55	32	167
<b>Non Bites<sup>2</sup></b>	0	1	7	86
<b>Referrals to Other Counties</b>	2	10	9	43
<b>Submissions to the Rabies Lab</b>	12	39	35	190
<b>Human Post-Ex Treatments</b>	1	7	12	103
<b>Unvaccinated Pets 6-Month Quarantined<sup>3</sup></b>	2	2	0	0
<b>Unvaccinated Pets Destroyed<sup>4</sup></b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Rabid Animals (Laboratory Confirmed)</b>	3	3	2	12

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

<sup>2</sup>"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.

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<b>Reports by Animal Type</b>												
	<b>Bites</b>				<b>Animals sent to the NYS Rabies Laboratory</b>				<b>Rabid Animals</b>			
	<b>Mo</b>	<b>YTD 2015</b>	<b>YTD 2014</b>	<b>Total 2014</b>	<b>By TCHD</b>	<b>By Cornell</b>	<b>Totals</b>		<b>Mo</b>	<b>YTD 2015</b>	<b>YTD 2014</b>	<b>Total 2014</b>
							<b>Mo</b>	<b>YTD</b>				
<b>Cat</b>	3	16	14	58	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
<b>Dog</b>	10	38	17	94	2	0	2	3	0	0	0	0
<b>Cattle</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Horse/Mule</b>	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Sheep/Goat</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Domestic</b>	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Raccoon</b>	0	0	0	1	3	0	3	4	2	2	1	3
<b>Bats</b>	0	0	0	6	4	1	5	24	0	0	1	5
<b>Skunks</b>	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
<b>Foxes</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Other Wild</b>	0	0	0	5	0	2	2	3	1	1	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>