Rabies Control Program

There were two confirmed cases of rabies in Tompkins County during November of 2015. A raccoon and a cat were confirmed positive by the NYS Wadsworth Laboratory. The rabid raccoon had contact with a dog. The dog was up-to-date on its rabies vaccination and received a booster shot to ensure its protection against the potential exposure. The rabid cat aggressively attacked a person. The Tompkins County SPCA responded and was able to capture and euthanize the feral cat for testing. Upon verification that the cat was rabid, rabies post exposure prophylaxis was initiated for the person attacked.

Key Data Overview									
	This Month	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	TOTAL 2014					
Bites ¹	14	213	156	167					
Non Bites ²	0	72	85	86					
Referrals to Other Counties	2	20	39	43					
Submissions to the Rabies Lab	6	200	185	190					
Human Post-Ex Treatments	2	92	101	103					
Unvaccinated Pets 6-Month Quarantined ³	0	2	0	0					
Unvaccinated Pets Destroyed ⁴	0	1	0	0					
Rabid Animals (Laboratory Confirmed)	2	13	12	12					

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

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 euthaniasia instead of quarantine.

Reports by Animal Type													
	Bites					Animals sent to the NYS Rabies Laboratory				Rabid Animals			
	Мо	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	Total 2014	By TCHD	By Cornell	To Mo	tals YTD	Мо	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	Total 2014	
Cat	7	87	58	58	2	0	2	14	1	1	0	0	
Dog	7	118	84	94	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	
Cattle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Horse/Mule	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Sheep/Goat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Domestic	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Raccoon	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	7	1	3	3	3	
Bats	0	3	6	6	2	1	3	157	0	7	5	5	
Skunks	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	
Foxes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	
Other Wild	0	2	4	5	0	0	0	8	0	1	1	1	
Totals	14	213	156	167	4	2	6	200	2	13	12	12	

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.

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There were no confirmed cases of rabies in Tompkins County during December 2015. However, rabies continues to appear in wildlife animals throughout New York State.

The Winter Rabies Clinic is being held at the Tompkins County SPCA in January.

Key Data Overview									
	This Month	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	TOTAL 2014					
Bites ¹	17	230	167	167					
Non Bites ²	0	72	86	86					
Referrals to Other Counties	6	26	43	43					
Submissions to the Rabies Lab	6	207	190	190					
Human Post-Ex Treatments	1	93	103	103					
Unvaccinated Pets 6-Month Quarantined ³	0	2	0	0					
Unvaccinated Pets Destroyed ⁴	0	1	0	0					
Rabid Animals (Laboratory Confirmed)	0	13	12	12					

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Cat	9	96	58	58	0	0	0	14	0	1	0	0
Dog	7	125	94	94	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0
Cattle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Horse/Mule	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0
Sheep/Goat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Domestic	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Raccoon	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	7	0	3	3	3
Bats	0	3	6	6	2	3	5	162	0	7	5	5
Skunks	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Foxes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	0
Other Wild	0	2	5	5	0	1	1	9	0	1	1	1
Totals	17	230	167	167	2	5	7	208	0	13	12	12

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