

### **Rabies Control Program**

There were no confirmed cases of rabies in Tompkins County during April 2016. Cayuga County had two confirmed positive cases in livestock, with one case resulting in post exposure treatment for Tompkins County residents. Cortland County also had a confirmed positive in a raccoon. Three lapsed or unvaccinated cats were euthanized and submitted for testing, with two showing neurologic signs.

Since these counties border Tompkins, it highlights the need to avoid contact with wild animals and to keep pets vaccinated against rabies.

Spring Rabies Clinics are scheduled to be held in May in the Towns of Lansing, Danby, Dryden, Enfield and Ithaca.

<b>Key Data Overview</b>				
	<b>This Month</b>	<b>YTD 2016</b>	<b>YTD 2015</b>	<b>TOTAL 2015</b>
<b>Bites<sup>1</sup></b>	11	49	55	230
<b>Non Bites<sup>2</sup></b>	3	4	1	72
<b>Referrals to Other Counties</b>	5	10	10	26
<b>Submissions to the Rabies Lab</b>	9	40	39	207
<b>Human Post-Ex Treatments</b>	0	1	7	93
<b>Unvaccinated Pets 6-Month Quarantined<sup>3</sup></b>	0	1	2	2
<b>Unvaccinated Pets Destroyed<sup>4</sup></b>	3	4	0	1
<b>Rabid Animals (Laboratory Confirmed)</b>	0	2	3	13

<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 2016</b>	<b>YTD 2015</b>	<b>Total 2015</b>	<b>By TCHD</b>	<b>By Cornell</b>	<b>Totals</b>		<b>Mo</b>	<b>YTD 2016</b>	<b>YTD 2015</b>	<b>Total 2015</b>
							<b>Mo</b>	<b>YTD</b>				
<b>Cat</b>	4	17	16	96	3	0	3	7	0	0	0	1
<b>Dog</b>	7	38	38	125	0	0	0	2	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Sheep/Goat</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Domestic</b>	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
<b>Raccoon</b>	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	3	0	1	2	3
<b>Bats</b>	0	0	0	3	4	0	4	19	0	0	0	7
<b>Skunks</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
<b>Foxes</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
<b>Other Wild</b>	0	3	0	2	0	1	1	6	0	0	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>