

Rabies Control Program

There were three confirmed cases of rabies in Tompkins County during June 2017. A raccoon attacked family pets and was killed by a dog in Newfield, a fox attacked a person in Ithaca, and a feral cat was found on a farm in Enfield. The family pets and farm animals were up to date on rabies vaccinations and were given boosters. Two people received rabies post exposure treatment related to these incidents.

The rabies program continues to use Facebook to provide the public with rabies-related information as the potential for exposure during the summer increases as more people are enjoying the outdoors as well as the increase in bat activity.

Key Data Overview				
	This Month	YTD 2017	YTD 2016	TOTAL 2016
Bites ¹	27	131	110	230
Non Bites ²	24	55	32	144
Referrals to Other Counties	2	12	25	46
Submissions to the NYS Rabies Lab	20	77	72	195
Human Post-Exposure Treatments	17	35	25	85
Unvaccinated Pets Quarantined ³	0	0	1	4
Unvaccinated Pets Destroyed ⁴	0	1	5	10
Rabid Animals (Lab Confirmed)	3	4	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			
	Mo	YTD 2017	YTD 2016	Total 2016	By TCHD	By Cornell	Totals		Mo	YTD 2017	YTD 2016	Total 2016
							Mo	YTD				
Cat	11	51	31	84	1	0	1	11	1	1	0	1
Dog	15	76	71	133	2	0	2	7	0	0	0	0
Cattle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Horse/Mule	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheep/Goat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Domestic	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Raccoon	0	2	1	3	1	2	3	5	1	2	1	3
Bats	0	0	0	1	13	0	13	36	0	0	0	7
Skunks	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Foxes	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	1	0	1
Other Wild	0	0	6	6	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	1
Totals	27	131	110	230	18	2	20	77	3	4	3	12