

**Rabies Control Program**

There was one confirmed case of rabies in Tompkins County during July 2017. A grey fox attacked two people in a camping area, and a third person was exposed to the saliva of the fox in the incident. Two of the three people were started on the post exposure treatment immediately, the third began treatment after the fox was confirmed positive for rabies. Many people are camping and spending time at local parks. If you see a wild animal, it is best to avoid contact, and wait for it to wander away. You can minimize chances of encounters by making sure that all garbage is securely covered, and pet food is not left outside, which will reduce the length of time they stay, as they will seek food elsewhere..

<b>Key Data Overview</b>				
	<b>This Month</b>	<b>YTD 2017</b>	<b>YTD 2016</b>	<b>TOTAL 2016</b>
<b>Bites<sup>1</sup></b>	37	168	141	230
<b>Non Bites<sup>2</sup></b>	18	73	58	144
<b>Referrals to Other Counties</b>	2	14	31	46
<b>Submissions to the NYS Rabies Lab</b>	24	101	93	195
<b>Human Post-Exposure Treatments</b>	15	50	30	85
<b>Unvaccinated Pets Quarantined<sup>3</sup></b>	0	0	1	4
<b>Unvaccinated Pets Destroyed<sup>4</sup></b>	0	1	6	10
<b>Rabid Animals (Lab Confirmed)</b>	1	5	5	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 2017</b>	<b>YTD 2016</b>	<b>Total 2016</b>	<b>By TCHD</b>	<b>By Cornell</b>	<b>Totals</b>		<b>Mo</b>	<b>YTD 2017</b>	<b>YTD 2016</b>	<b>Total 2016</b>
							<b>Mo</b>	<b>YTD</b>				
<b>Cat</b>	17	68	43	84	5	0	5	15	0	1	0	1
<b>Dog</b>	13	89	89	133	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
<b>Cattle</b>	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0
<b>Horse/Mule</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Sheep/Goat</b>	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Other Domestic</b>	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Raccoon</b>	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	5	0	2	2	3
<b>Bats</b>	2	2	0	1	13	0	13	49	0	0	1	7
<b>Skunks</b>	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Foxes</b>	2	4	0	0	1	0	1	3	1	2	0	1
<b>Other Wild</b>	2	2	6	6	0	4	4	21	0	0	1	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>