

RABIES CONTROL PROGRAM

For the month, **one animal (raccoon)** was confirmed rabid by laboratory analysis at the New York State Rabies Laboratory, and **19 people** began post exposure treatment.

The raccoon was involved in an attack on a dog that did not have a current rabies vaccination. This resulted in the dog being quarantined for six months. A current vaccination would have prevented this inconvenience for the pet and owner.

This is the time of year bats are most likely to appear in homes. Bats are considered to be a rabies vector species and when there is the possibility of an undetected bite, it is important that they be captured and tested for rabies. Bats in rooms with sleeping people, and in the presence of unattended small children or people with a sensory impairment present the possibility of an undetected bite.

Key Data Overview		
	This Month	YTD
Bites¹	30	164
Non Bites²	18	43
Referrals to Other Counties	7	41
Submissions to the NYS Rabies Lab	20	83
Human Post-Exposure Treatments	19	54
Unvaccinated Pets 6-Month Quarantined³	1	6
Unvaccinated Pets Destroyed⁴	0	0
Rabid Animals (Laboratory Confirmed)	1	5

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.

³ 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.

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	
	Month	YTD	By TCHD	By NYS Vet College (Cornell)	Totals		Month	YTD
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Cat	14	73	2	1	3	10	0	0
Dog	15	80	0	0	0	5	0	0
Cattle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Horse/Mule	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Sheep/Goat	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Other Domestic	0	2	0	1	1	3	0	0
Raccoon	0	0	1	1	2	6	1	2
Bats	1	3	12	0	12	37	0	0
Skunks	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Foxes	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	2
Other Wild	0	4	1	1	2	11	0	1
Totals	30	164	16	4	20	80	1	5