

Rabies Control Program

For the month, **four animals (one woodchuck, two bats and a deer)** were confirmed rabid by laboratory analysis at the New York State Rabies Laboratory, and **47 people** began post exposure treatment.

There was also an incident where a dog under quarantine for an exposure to a rabid raccoon while its vaccination was lapsed, became critically ill with symptoms of rabies. The dog was examined by a veterinarian and was humanely euthanized because its condition was terminal. The dog was tested by the Wadsworth Laboratory as it showed possible rabies symptoms. Fortunately for the family of the dog, it was negative for rabies.

Key Data Overview		
	This Month	YTD
Bites ¹	25	189
Non Bites ²	44	87
Referrals to Other Counties	6	47
Submissions to the NYS Rabies Lab	66	147
Human Post-Exposure Treatments	47	101
Unvaccinated Pets 6-Month Quarantined ³	0	6
Unvaccinated Pets Destroyed ⁴	1	1
Rabid Animals (Laboratory Confirmed)	4	9

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	6	79	1	0	1	11	0	0
Dog	17	97	2	2	4	9	0	0
Cattle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Horse/Mule	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0
Sheep/Goat	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Other Domestic	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	0
Raccoon	1	1	0	1	1	7	0	2
Bats	1	4	58	0	58	95	2	2
Skunks	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Foxes	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	2
Other Wild	0	4	0	2	2	13	2	3
Totals	25	189	61	6	67	147	4	9