

Rabies Control Program

There were no rabid animals in Tompkins County during February confirmed by the New York State Wadsworth Laboratory.

There were two interactions with wildlife, each where a person was bitten. Rabies post exposure shots were started for both of these interactions. In both cases, the shots could have been avoided, if the bitten person had used more caution with the suspect animal.

Key Data Overview		
	This Month	YTD
Bites¹	13	24
Non Bites²	2	4
Referrals to Other Counties	3	7
Submissions to the NYS Rabies Lab	7	10
Human Post-Exposure Treatments	4	6
Unvaccinated Pets 6-Month Quarantined³	0	1
Unvaccinated Pets Destroyed⁴	0	0
Rabid Animals (Laboratory Confirmed)	0	1

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	
	Month	YTD	By TCHD	By NYS Vet College (Cornell)	Totals		Month	YTD
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Cat	6	9	1	0	1	3	0	0
Dog	5	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cattle	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
Horse/Mule	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheep/Goat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Domestic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Raccoon	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Bats	0	0	3	0	3	3	0	0
Skunks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Foxes	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0
Other Wild	1	2	1	0	1	1	0	0
Totals	13	24	5	2	7	10	0	1