

**Rabies Control Program**

There was one rabid bat, confirmed by the New York State Wadsworth Laboratory during October. This bat was caught by a vaccinated cat. It was determined that no human exposure occurred and the cat received the required booster shot.

The Autumn Series of rabies clinics for dogs, cats, and ferrets continued during October, with clinics in Caroline, Trumansburg, and Ithaca. 530 dogs and cats were vaccinated during these clinics. Keeping pets vaccinated is State law and protects both the pet and the family; the clinics work toward that goal.

<b>Key Data Overview</b>		
	<b>This Month</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b>Bites<sup>1</sup></b>	21	200
<b>Non Bites<sup>2</sup></b>	1	63
<b>Referrals to Other Counties</b>	5	46
<b>Submissions to the NYS Rabies Lab</b>	11	188
<b>Human Post-Exposure Treatments</b>	1	84
<b>Unvaccinated Pets 6-Month Quarantined<sup>3</sup></b>	0	3
<b>Unvaccinated Pets Destroyed<sup>4</sup></b>	0	0
<b>Rabid Animals (Laboratory Confirmed)</b>	1	8

<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>Month</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>By TCHD</b>	<b>By Vet College (Cornell)</b>	<b>Totals</b>		<b>Month</b>	<b>YTD</b>
					<b>Month</b>	<b>YTD</b>		
<b>Cat</b>	12	72	3	0	3	13	0	0
<b>Dog</b>	8	108	1	0	1	8	0	0
<b>Cattle</b>	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Horse/Mule</b>	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Sheep/Goat</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Other Domestic</b>	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	0
<b>Raccoon</b>	0	1	0	1	1	4	0	1
<b>Bats</b>	0	5	5	0	5	118	1	6
<b>Skunks</b>	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Foxes</b>	0	3	0	0	0	6	0	1
<b>Other Wild</b>	1	7	0	0	0	35	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>