

Rabies Control Program

On April 19, Sarah Caputi attended the Pet Expo at The Shops at Ithaca Mall to promote the Division's Free Spring Rabies Clinics.

There was one rabid bat during April, confirmed by the New York Wadsworth Laboratory. Although there was no known bite from this bat, two people received rabies treatment. Because bats are small animals with tiny teeth, shots are authorized where there is the possibility of an undetected bite.

Key Data Overview				
	This Month	YTD 2014	YTD 2013	TOTAL 2013
Bites¹	15	32	42	234
Non Bites²	3	7	4	66
Referrals to Other Counties	3	9	9	47
Submissions to NYS Rabies Lab	11	35	17	203
Human Post-Ex Treatments	5	12	8	88
Unvaccinated Pets Quarantined³	0	0	1	3
Unvaccinated Pets Euthanized⁴	0	0	0	0
Rabid Animals(Lab Confirmed)	1	2	2	8

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			
	Mo	YTD 2014	YTD 2013	Total 2013	By TCHD	By Cornell	Totals		Mo	YTD 2014	YTD 2013	Total 2013
							Mo	YTD				
Cat	6	14	14	80	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Dog	9	17	25	133	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Cattle	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Horse/Mule	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheep/Goat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Domestic	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Raccoon	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	1
Bats	0	0	0	5	7	1	8	18	1	1	1	6
Skunks	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Foxes	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Other Wild	0	0	3	8	0	2	2	5	0	0	0	0
Totals	15	32	43	234	7	4	11	35	1	2	2	8