

## Rabies Control Program

There was one confirmed case of rabies in Tompkins County during June 2015. A cat was attacked by a confirmed rabid gray fox. The gray fox was subsequently killed by the cat's owner. Unfortunately, the cat was severely lapsed on its rabies vaccination and the owners choose to euthanize the animal. This case highlights the importance of keeping pets' rabies vaccinations current. Had the cat been up-to-date of its rabies vaccination, only a booster shot would have been necessary instead of euthanasia or six-month quarantine.

<b>Key Data Overview</b>				
	<b>This Month</b>	<b>YTD 2015</b>	<b>YTD 2014</b>	<b>TOTAL 2014</b>
<b>Bites<sup>1</sup></b>	15	70	67	167
<b>Non Bites<sup>2</sup></b>	14	17	18	86
<b>Referrals to Other Counties</b>	3	14	17	43
<b>Submissions to the Rabies Lab</b>	33	93	51	190
<b>Human Post-Ex Treatments</b>	14	25	25	103
<b>Unvaccinated Pets 6-Month Quarantined<sup>3</sup></b>	0	2	0	0
<b>Unvaccinated Pets Destroyed<sup>4</sup></b>	1	1	0	0
<b>Rabid Animals (Laboratory Confirmed)</b>	1	5	2	12

<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>Mo</b>	<b>YTD 2015</b>	<b>YTD 2014</b>	<b>Total 2014</b>	<b>By TCHD</b>	<b>By Cornell</b>	<b>Totals</b>		<b>Mo</b>	<b>YTD 2015</b>	<b>YTD 2014</b>	<b>Total 2014</b>
							<b>Mo</b>	<b>YTD</b>				
<b>Cat</b>	15	36	27	58	0	1	1	6	0	0	0	0
<b>Dog</b>	20	67	36	94	3	1	4	7	0	0	0	0
<b>Cattle</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Horse/Mule</b>	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Sheep/Goat</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Domestic</b>	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Raccoon</b>	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	4	0	2	1	3
<b>Bats</b>	0	0	0	6	23	0	23	66	0	1	1	5
<b>Skunks</b>	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
<b>Foxes</b>	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	3	1	1	0	0
<b>Other Wild</b>	0	0	1	5	0	1	1	4	0	1	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>