

Rabies Control Program

There was one confirmed case of rabies in Tompkins County during March 2016. A confirmed rabid raccoon was submitted through Cornell Diagnostic Center. Fortunately there were no known exposures to the rabid raccoon but it does highlight the need to avoid contact with wild animals and to keep pets vaccinated against rabies.

Spring Rabies Clinics are scheduled to be held in May in the Towns of Lansing, Danby, Dryden, Enfield and Ithaca.

Key Data Overview				
	This Month	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	TOTAL 2015
Bites¹	13	38	35	230
Non Bites²	1	1	1	72
Referrals to Other Counties	3	5	8	26
Submissions to the Rabies Lab	14	31	27	207
Human Post-Ex Treatments	1	1	6	93
Unvaccinated Pets 6-Month Quarantined³	0	1	0	2
Unvaccinated Pets Destroyed⁴	0	1	0	1
Rabid Animals (Laboratory Confirmed)	1	2	0	13

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 2016	YTD 2015	Total 2015	By TCHD	By Cornell	Totals		Mo	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	Total 2015
							Mo	YTD				
Cat	5	13	13	96	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Dog	6	31	28	125	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Cattle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Horse/Mule	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheep/Goat	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Domestic	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0
Raccoon	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	0	3
Bats	0	0	0	3	7	1	8	15	0	0	0	7
Skunks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Foxes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Other Wild	2	3	0	2	0	2	2	6	0	0	0	1
Totals	13	48	41	230	8	6	14	31	0	2	0	13