

## Rabies Control Program

There was one raccoon tested and confirmed positive for rabies by the Wadsworth Laboratory during October. One person and two dogs were exposed. The person received rabies post exposure treatment. Both dogs had current vaccinations and received booster shots.

The Health Department held Fall Free Rabies Clinics in Caroline, Trumansburg, and Ithaca during October. Turnout was high and a total of 693 pets were vaccinated during the fall clinic series.

Key Data Overview		
	This Month	YTD
Bites <sup>1</sup>	27	242
Non Bites <sup>2</sup>	1	96
Referrals to Other Counties	5	53
Submissions to the NYS Rabies Lab	7	169
Human Post-Exposure Treatments	1	113
Unvaccinated Pets 6-Month Quarantined <sup>3</sup>	0	6
Unvaccinated Pets Destroyed <sup>4</sup>	0	1
Rabid Animals (Laboratory Confirmed)	1	13

<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.

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	12	97	0	1	1	15	0	0
Dog	14	129	3	0	3	13	0	0
Cattle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Horse/Mule	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Sheep/Goat	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Other Domestic	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	0
Raccoon	0	1	1	0	1	9	1	3
Bats	0	6	1	0	1	102	0	5
Skunks	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Foxes	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	2
Other Wild	1	5	0	1	1	16	0	3
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