

Rabies Control Program

There was one rabid bat, confirmed by the New York State Wadsworth Laboratory during September. This bat was in a bedroom where there was the possibility of undetected bites. All people potentially exposed, received rabies post exposure treatment. In another incident, a rabid acting skunk chased a woman, biting her on the foot. She received rabies post exposure treatment.

The Fall series of rabies clinics for dogs, cats, and ferrets started during September, with clinics in Newfield and Groton. Keeping pets vaccinated is State law and protects both the pet and the family.

Key Data Overview		
	This Month	YTD
Bites¹	23	179
Non Bites²	8	62
Referrals to Other Counties	3	41
Submissions to the NYS Rabies Lab	16	177
Human Post-Exposure Treatments	10	83
Unvaccinated Pets 6-Month Quarantined³	0	3
Unvaccinated Pets Destroyed⁴	0	0
Rabid Animals (Laboratory Confirmed)	1	7

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	
	Month	YTD	By TCHD	By NYS Vet College (Cornell)	Totals		Month	YTD
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Cat	9	60	0	0	0	10	0	0
Dog	12	100	0	1	1	7	0	0
Cattle	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Horse/Mule	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Sheep/Goat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Domestic	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Raccoon	0	1	1	0	1	3	0	1
Bats	0	5	10	0	10	113	1	5
Skunks	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0
Foxes	0	3	0	0	0	6	0	1
Other Wild	0	6	0	3	3	35	0	0
Totals	23	179	11	5	16	177	1	7