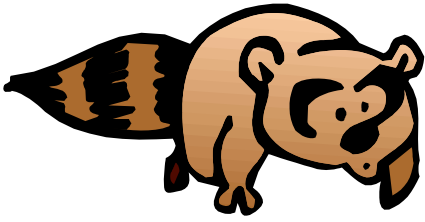


# RABIES

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- ✓ RABIES is found in the saliva of infected warm blooded animals. The most common wild carriers are the raccoon, skunk, fox and bat. CATS are the most common domestic animal to be infected with rabies.

- ✓ Never touch a wild animal, even if it is dead or injured.
- ✓ Leave wildlife alone. Do not make pets of wild animals or try to "save" baby animals even if they seem abandoned.
- ✓ Do not feed or pet stray animals.
- ✓ Pets can get rabies so have your dogs and cats vaccinated. Free walk-in Rabies Clinics are offered in January and June: call 725-2300 Ext. 1982 for locations.
- ✓ All dogs and cats seven months or older must be licensed. Dog licenses must be renewed in January and cat licenses must be renewed in June. Proof of rabies vaccination is required for a license to be issued. Fees are lower for spayed or neutered animals. Licenses can be obtained at the Municipal Building during regular office hours.
- ✓ If you are bitten by an animal immediately wash the bite thoroughly with soap and water and call your doctor or go to the nearest emergency room.

- ✓ PROTECT YOURSELF! Because rabies is a fatal disease once symptoms appear, all animal-to-animal and animal-to-human bites MUST be reported to the Health Department at 725-2300 Ext. 1982.



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