

RABIES TIPS

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How You Can Prevent Rabies!

What You Need to Know

- Have your veterinarian vaccinate all of your dogs, cats, ferrets, horses and valuable breeding livestock (cattle and sheep) against rabies.
- Pets are vaccinated by your veterinarian to prevent them from acquiring the disease from wildlife and thereby transmitting it to humans.
- Your pets and other domestic animals can be infected when they are bitten by rabid wild animals.
- If your animal is bitten by a wild animal, contact your veterinarian for advice. Any animal that has been bitten or scratched by either a wild carnivorous mammal or a bat should be regarded as having been exposed to rabies.
- In Kansas cities, and some counties, they maintain rabies vaccine laws. Contact your city or county clerk's office to learn what rabies vaccine requirements pertain to you.

Call Animal Control

- Do not try to nurse sick wild animals to health. Call animal control or an animal rescue agency for assistance.
- Do not handle or feed wild animals.
- Never adopt wild animals or bring them into your home.
- Call animal control to remove all stray animals from your neighborhood since they could be unvaccinated or ill.
- To learn more about Kansas regulations on rabies control, visit the KDHE website under Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Response to view the rabies control regulations K.A.R. 28-1-13 and K.A.R. 28-1-14.

“Rabies is 100% preventable. In the United States, rabies has been reported in every state except Hawaii...”



It is illegal!

In Kansas it is illegal to keep, or sell skunks, raccoons, foxes, and coyotes as pets.

Handling wild animals is dangerous and puts you at risk.