

THE RISK OF RABIES



WHAT YOU
NEED TO KNOW
TO HELP KEEP
YOUR PET SAFE

RABIES. It's a disease that strikes fear in pet owners, and with good reason. A rabies infection in an unprotected pet is almost always fatal, and can be transmitted to humans through bites or nips.

WHAT IS RABIES?

Rabies is a deadly virus that affects the brain and spinal cord. It's primarily passed through a bite from an infected animal — most commonly bats, raccoons, skunks and foxes.

When an unvaccinated dog, cat or ferret is exposed to a known rabid animal, immediate euthanasia is recommended.¹



**300+ CASES
PER YEAR²**

WHICH PETS ARE MOST AT RISK?

In the United States, cats are the most frequently reported rabid domestic animal, followed by dogs.

SIGNS OF RABIES

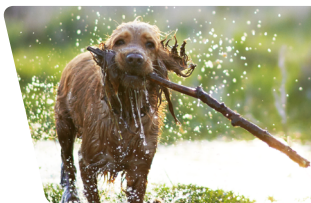
Signs are variable and may initially be nonspecific, such as lethargy, vomiting, fever and anorexia.

- Lack of appetite
- Difficulty breathing
- Difficulty swallowing
- Excessive salivating

**PROGRESSION OF THE DISEASE IS
RAPID AND ULTIMATELY FATAL.¹**

PREVENTION IS KEY

But here's the good news: according to the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) rabies is entirely preventable with vaccination.



Most states require all dogs, cats and ferrets to be vaccinated on a routine basis.



Whether a 1-year or 3-year vaccine is approved in your area depends on state or county laws.



PLEASE CONTACT YOUR VETERINARIAN FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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¹ Compendium of animal rabies prevention and control, 2016. National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control Committee. <http://nasphv.org/Documents/NASPHVRabiesCompendium.pdf>. Accessed April 28, 2020.

² Birhane MG, Cleaton Jm, Monroe Bp, et al Rabies surveillance in the United States during 2015. J Am Vet Med Assoc. 2017;250-1117-1130. Rabies SLIDE: CDC/Dr. Fred Murphy, Creation Date: 1975.



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