

What is a Rabies Exposure?

✓ Exposure:

- A bite from any animal, including wild, stray, or domestic pets.
- Saliva or brain tissue from an animal gets into a scratch, wound, or mucous membrane (e.g. nose, eyes).

? Possible Exposure:

- A bat in the room with an unattended child, mentally impaired person, intoxicated person, or anyone who has been sleeping.
- A bat in firewood hand-carried into the home.

X Not an Exposure:

- A bat flying nearby.
- A bat seen in your attic or in a cave.
- Being in the same area as a questionable animal without contact with the animal.

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Who to Call:

Animal Problems:

In the City of Eau Claire - Animal Control:
(715) 839-4972

In the County of Eau Claire - County Humane Association:
(715) 839-4747

Pet License Information:

City of Eau Claire:
(715) 839-4923

County of Eau Claire Town Clerks

To Report a Bite or Exposure:

Eau Claire City - County Health Department
(715) 839-4718

And call your specific "Animal Problems" contact as seen above.



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What You Need to Know About: **RABIES**

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More About Rabies:



Rabies is an infectious disease caused by a virus that is found in saliva, brain tissue, and spinal fluid of infected mammals. The rabies virus is commonly found in wild animals such as bats, skunks, raccoons, foxes, and coyotes.

Rabies is most often transmitted to humans or pets through exposure to an infected animal. See Panel #4 regarding more information about exposure.

Prevention and **immediate** treatment is critical for people or pets who have been exposed to rabies because **there is no cure!**

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What to do if an Animal Bites a Human:

1. Wash the wound immediately with soap and running water.
2. Consult a physician immediately, even for minor wounds.
3. To report a bite see, "Who to Call" on Panel #5 of this brochure.
4. If your pet bites someone or has been bitten, confine the pet immediately and:
 - Contact the Health Department
 - Check with your pet's veterinarian for treatment and vaccination
5. If the bite is from a wild or stray animal, **DO NOT** try to capture the animal. Do not harm any animal that has bitten a human or your pet. See "Who to Call" on Panel #5 of this brochure.

Symptoms in Domestic Animals:

- Change in Behavior/Irritable
- Loss of appetite
- Fever
- Dilated pupils
- Choking and excessive drooling

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Prevention:

- Vaccinate your pets against rabies.
IT'S THE LAW!
- Avoid contact with stray and wild animals. Pay special attention to children since they are at greatest risk.
- See "Who to Call" (Panel #5) for the removal of all stray animals from your neighborhood since these animals may be unvaccinated or ill.

Bats & Rabies:

Bats do not show symptoms of rabies so it is impossible to tell if they have the virus without laboratory testing. If a human or pet is exposed and the bat is unavailable for testing, it must be considered **POSITIVE** for rabies.

If there has been exposure or questionable exposure (see Panel #4) to a bat:

- Call your physician immediately
- Contact the Health Department to report the exposure or see "Who to Call" on Panel #5 for your area.

For information on bat-proofing your home, contact the Eau Claire City - County Health Department.

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