

Indiana- Rabies & Wild Animals

Rabies Warning Signs

Early signs of rabies in animals frequently involve a wild animal appearing tame or unafraid of humans. Nocturnal animals, such as raccoons, may be active during daylight hours. As the disease progresses, other signs may include a general, overall sickly appearance, increased saliva production and slight or partial paralysis.

Reported Cases in Indiana

SPECIES	LAST YEAR POSITIVE	NUMBER POSITIVE SINCE 1962
BAT	2010	500+
DOG	1989	182
CAT	1984	47
COW	1986	79
FOX	1990	99
GOAT	1967	1
GROUND HOG	1983	2
HORSE	2002	16
OPOSSUM	1968	1
PIG	1967	4
RACCOON	1979	4
SHEEP	1982	1
SKUNK	2004	824
HUMAN	2009	2

Prevention

You can avoid being exposed to rabies by doing the following:

- Don't attempt to pet wild animals
- Don't approach animals that are sleeping, injured, eating or caring for young
- Exclude wildlife access to your house, garage, etc.
- Don't leave pet food out where it will attract wildlife
- Keep garbage containers closed and secure