



# RABIES PREVENTION

BECAUSE OF THE INCREASED RISK OF BEING EXPOSED TO AN ANIMAL INFECTED WITH THE RABIES VIRUS DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS, SULLIVAN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

**DO NOT** approach, handle or feed wild or domestic animals you are unfamiliar with,

**DO NOT** discard a bat found in your sleeping quarters upon waking, or one you may have come into contact with, try to trap or capture it if you can do it safely, so that it can be tested.

**DO NOT** allow your pets to run free.

**DO** keep your pet vaccinations up to date, and **DO** call Public Health Services if you are bitten or scratched by a domestic or a wild animal.

Capturing an animal or bat so that it can be tested for rabies is preferable to being treated with the expensive rabies vaccination series following an exposure.



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Prevent. Promote. Protect.

For assistance or information call:  
SULLIVAN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES  
292-5910 extension 0. (available 24/7)