

## Protect yourself and your pets

- Do not touch or feed wild animals
- Remind your children to stay away from unknown animals
- Vaccinate your pets and keep them away from wildlife
- Let animal control officers deal with nuisance animals on your property
- Do not relocate wildlife
- Do not keep wildlife as pets
- Wear protective gloves to dispose of a dead wild animal and make sure its remains won't be disturbed by pets or other wildlife

## Who to contact if there has been exposure to wildlife with rabies

### Human exposure

Report the incident to your local health unit, doctor or emergency department

### Livestock or pet exposure

Call your veterinarian

### Rabid wildlife sighting

If you spot an animal acting suspiciously but no one has been exposed, call your municipal animal control department or local Ontario SPCA.

### Non-emergencies

For non-emergencies and information about rabies in wildlife, call the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Rabies Information Line at: 1-888-574-6656



## Rabies in wildlife

What we can all do to stop the spread and protect our families, pets and wildlife

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# Symptoms of rabies in wildlife

There are two forms of rabies: dumb and furious. Some animals can show signs of both forms.

## Dumb rabies

- No fear of humans
- Depressed, retreats into isolated locations
- Partially paralyzed: look for abnormal facial expression, drooling, drooping head, sagging jaw, strange sounds or paralysis in the hind limbs

## Furious rabies

- Extremely excited and aggressive
- Gnaws and bites at its own limbs
- Attacks other objects or animals
- Alternately agitated and depressed

Wild animals with rabies usually have rough, dirty fur and may be thin or feeble.

# Stop the spread

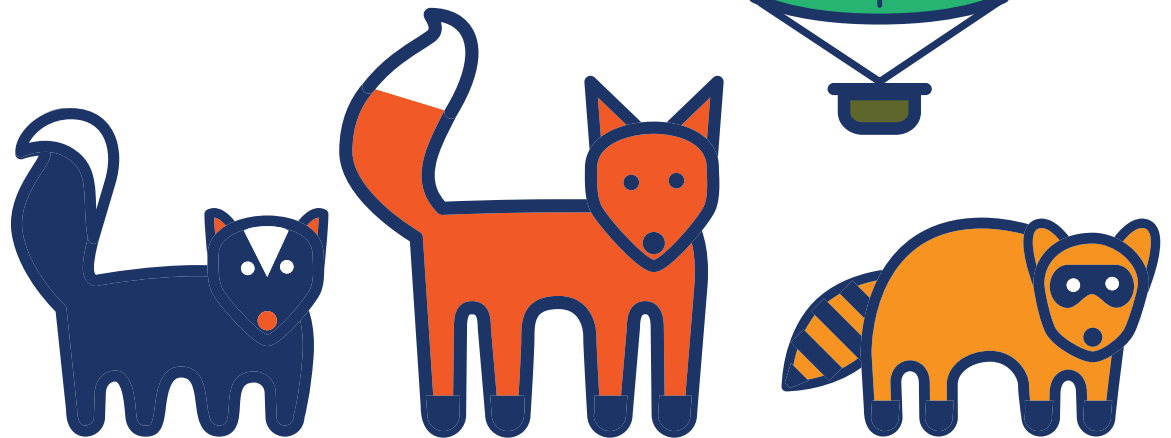
In response to confirmed cases of wildlife rabies, the Ontario government is distributing rabies vaccine bait over a large area to immunize the local wildlife population and stop the spread of rabies.

## What does the bait look like?



The army-green baits have a waxy coating and resemble a packet of jam. They are labelled Rabies Vaccine.

*Rabies bait packets are distributed by hand or dropped from the air.*



## What should I do if I find a bait?

Please leave the bait undisturbed so it may vaccinate local wildlife. While harmless, if a person comes into contact with a bait please contact our Rabies Information Line at 1-888-574-6656.

## What if my pet eats a bait?

While the baits are not designed to be eaten by pets, they are not harmful to ingest. These baits will **not** protect domestic animals against rabies.