

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.