

# PREVENT RABIES!

**RABIES** is found in the saliva of infected warm blooded animals. The most common wild carriers are the raccoon, skunk, fox and bat. CATS are the most common domestic animal to be infected with rabies.



The Edison Health Department offers the following advice:



- ✓ Vaccinate all pets you take care of and prevent them from running loose.
- ✓ Never touch a wild animal, even if it is dead or injured.
- ✓ **LEAVE WILDLIFE ALONE.** Do not make pets of wild animals or try to “save” baby animals even if they seem abandoned.

- ✓ Educate children to stay away from stray animals.
- ✓ Do not pet stray animals.
- ✓ Pets can get rabies – have your dogs and cats vaccinated and licensed.
- ✓ Do not feed or handle stray cats, since cats contract rabies six times more than dogs.
- ✓ Call your Animal Control Officer if you find stray animals at **(732) 248-7278.**



- ✓ Keep garbage cans covered with tight lids. Cap all chimneys, which raccoons often use as dens. Keep sheds and garages and other possible den sites in good repair.
- ✓ If bitten by any animal, call your doctor or go to the nearest emergency room.
- ✓ Immediately wash all animal bites thoroughly with soap and water.
- ✓ **All animal bites should be reported to:** the Edison Health Department or the Edison Police Department as soon as possible. The Police Department can be reached at **(732) 248-7400** or **911**, and the Health Department may be reached at **(732) 248-7273.**



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