

Information for Veterinarians

Rabies Prevention



Vaccination

Administer a U.S. Department of Agriculture-licensed rabies vaccine to all dogs and cats age 4 months and older and horses in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.



Rabies Reporting

Report the following to the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Health Department) at 646-364-1783:

- Any dog, cat, domestic or captive animal, or domestic livestock that has been bitten or exposed to a rabid animal or rabies vector species (such as a raccoon, bat or skunk) to arrange for appropriate management
- Any animal that may have rabies to arrange for rabies testing, if indicated



Animal Bite Reporting

Report animal bites to humans to arrange for appropriate management of the biting animal and, if indicated, rabies testing to inform rabies post-exposure prophylaxis recommendations to the person who was bitten. To submit a report to the Health Department:

- Visit on.nyc.gov/report-animal-bite to fill out the Report an Animal Bite form
- Call 646-364-1799
- Send a fax to 646-364-1802

Reporting Animal Diseases

To report animal diseases to the Health Department:

- Call 347-396-2600
- Scan the QR code to fill out the Animal Disease Case Report



Disease Consultations and Diagnostic Assistance

For zoonotic and novel disease consultations and diagnostic assistance, call 347-396-2600. For more information, visit nyc.gov/health and search for **zoonotic and vector-borne diseases**.

Rules and Regulations

For information on a variety of animal-related topics, including dog licensing, illegal animals, and permit requirements for animal boarding and grooming, visit nyc.gov/health and search for **animals and wildlife** or **animal facilities**. For further assistance, call 646-364-1783.

Upon **suspicion**, report these diseases immediately:

- Anthrax, brucellosis, glanders, monkeypox, novel influenza, plague, Q fever, rabies, SARS-CoV-2 and other novel coronaviruses, and tularemia
- Outbreaks of any animal disease or condition of known or unknown origin that may pose a danger to public health

Upon **diagnosis**, report these diseases within 24 hours:

- Arboviral encephalitis, leptospirosis, psittacosis, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, salmonellosis and tuberculosis

To report a dead mammal, cluster of 10 or more dead birds of any kind, or cluster of three or more dead water birds, call 311.