



RABIES FACTS:

- **RABIES is 100% fatal once symptoms occur & 100% preventable with rabies shots.**



- BATS, RACCOONS, SKUNKS & FOXES are the 4 warm blooded animals that are presumed to have Rabies in New York State and must be avoided.
- Laboratory testing of the suspect rabid animal can be done to determine if the animal is infected with the RABIES virus.

- **288 ANIMALS TESTED POSITIVE FOR RABIES IN ERIE COUNTY, NY FROM 1998-2008.**
- The animals that have tested positive for Rabies in the last 10 years are: 159 raccoons, 74 bats, 26 skunks, 12 cats, 10 foxes, 2 woodchuck, 3 cattle, 1 deer, and 1 dog.
- If your pet is not vaccinated for Rabies and is involved with a presumed rabid animal that is not available for testing, it must be quarantined for a period of six months or euthanized.
- All dogs, cats and domesticated ferrets are required to be vaccinated for Rabies as per New York State Public Health Law: Section 2141 to protect people and pets from getting rabies.
- If you are feeding a feral cat, you are the owner and are responsible for that cat's care and Rabies vaccination.



- **Erie County Health Department's Vector Control Program conducts 8 FREE RABIES CLINICS EVERY YEAR.** 39,895 rabies vaccinations were given at these clinics from 1998-2008. Go to <http://www.erie.gov/health/rabies.asp> for the updated clinic schedule.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND THE COMMUNITY FROM RABIES:
Vaccinate your animals for Rabies. Report all bites, scratches, contact with saliva and bat encounters that you, your pets or farm animals are involved in to:

Erie County Department of Health
Vector Control Program
Rabies Prevention
462 Grider Street, Building BB
Buffalo, NY 14215

Monday-Friday days: 961-6800
Nights and Weekends: 961-7898