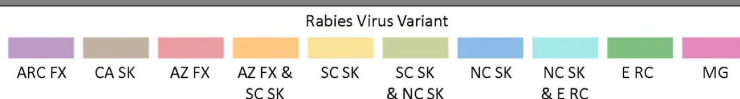
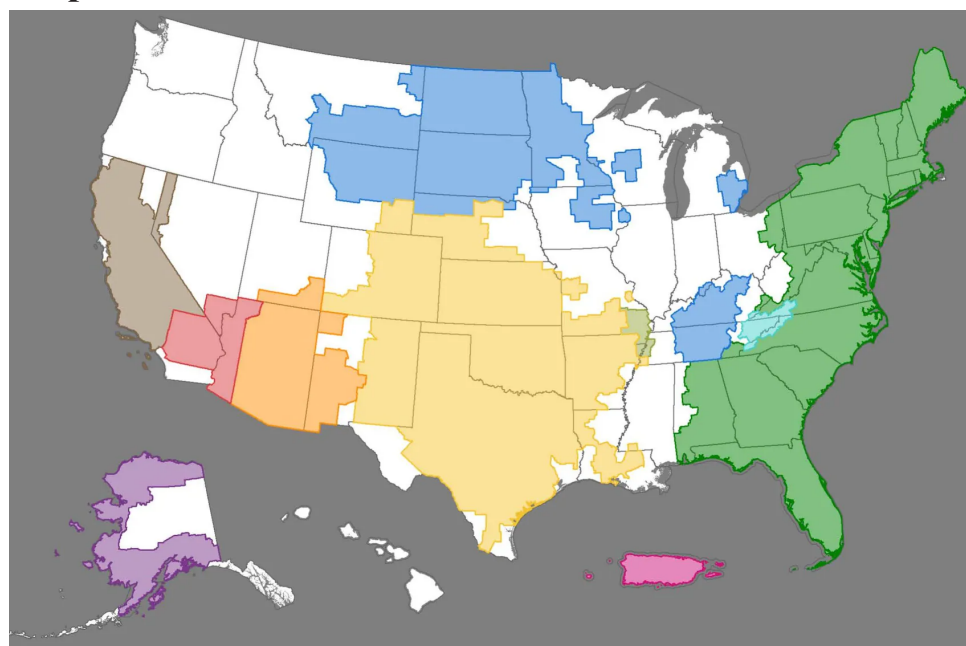


Rabies Awareness & Reporting



Rabies is a viral disease that affects the central nervous system and can lead to brain disease and death if untreated. Transmission occurs through bites or scratches from infected animals. In the U.S., rabies is rare in humans, with fewer than 10 deaths reported annually. However, approximately 60,000 Americans undergo post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) each year due to potential exposure. PEP is a treatment that one goes through after having a high-risk exposure to prevent infection and/or illness.

Map: Rabies Variant, Territories in the U.S.



Abbreviations & Color Guide:

ARC FX = Arctic Fox

CA SK = California Skunk

AZ FX = Arizona Gray Fox

SC SK = South Central Skunk

NC SK = North Central Skunk

E RC = Eastern Raccoon

MG = Mongoose



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Common Rabies Reservoirs

- **Wildlife:** Bats, skunks, raccoons and foxes
- **Domestic Animals:** Unvaccinated dogs, cats and livestock

Key Facts:

- Oklahoma’s primary reservoir is skunks with bats being the most common reservoir in the U.S with bites often going unnoticed
- Travelers to areas with high rabies prevalence should be aware of dog-transmitted rabies risks

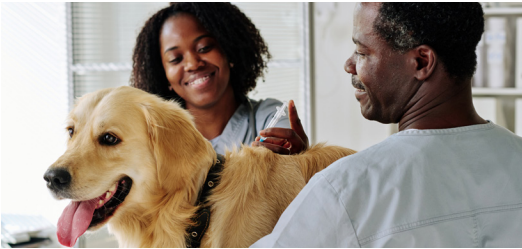
Prevention and Vaccination

Pre-Exposure Vaccination:

3 Doses for high-risk groups; e.g., farmers, zoo staff, or veterinarian staff.

Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP):

If exposed, immediately clean the wound with soap and water and seek medical care. Vaccination schedules depend on prior vaccination status, bite incident, and the health status of the animal in question and person bitten.



Stay Safe, Stay Informed: The Tulsa Health Department is committed to protecting the health of our community through education, prevention, and prompt response to public health concerns.



Community Education and Resources

Key Prevention Tips:

- Vaccinate pets and livestock.
- Avoid handling wild animals and animals, especially if showing abnormal behavior.
- When traveling, especially to cabins or rural areas, be cautious of bats and avoid sleeping in rooms with bats unless the area is screened or sealed
- Do not attempt to capture wild animals, including bats. Contact wildlife professionals or animal control for assistance.
- Report strays or suspicious animals to local animal control.
- Educate children about avoiding animal bites.
- Prevent bats from entering your living or personal spaces.
- Take caution when doing activities which can lead to contact with wildlife, such as: caving, camping, and hunting.

Reporting Protocol

If you experience an animal bite or suspect rabies exposure:

1. Contact the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) Epidemiologist-on-call at:
(405)426-8710
2. Follow their guidance for risk assessment and next steps.

Role of the Tulsa Health Department Epidemiology Program

Purpose: The Epidemiology Program ensures efficient responses to animal bites and suspected rabies exposures. In collaboration with the OSDH, animal control services and local veterinarians, THD epidemiologists:

- Assess rabies exposure risks
- Facilitate PEP recommendations with THD clinical staff
- Guide healthcare providers and residents in managing exposures

Tulsa County Selected Animal Control and Sheriff’s Office Contacts

City	Jurisdiction	Phone
Tulsa	City of Tulsa Animal Welfare	8:00am-6:30pm 918-596-8000 Weekends 918-596-8010, 918-596-8001
Bixby	Bixby Police Department	918-366-8294
Broken Arrow	Broken Arrow Police Department	Main 918-259-8311 After hours 918-451-8400
Collinsville	Collinsville Police Department	918-371-1000
Glenpool	Glenpool Animal Control	918-322-8110
Jenks	Jenks Police Department	918-299-9511
Owasso	City of Owasso Animal Control	Police Dispatch 918-272-2244
Sand Springs	Sand Springs Fire Department Neighborhood Services Division	918-246-2543
Skiatook	Chief of Police, City of Skiatook Animal Control	Animal Control 918-396-2424 Police Department 918-396-2424
Sapulpa	Sapulpa Police Department	918-227-5100
Sperry	Sperry Police Department	918-288-7333
Tulsa County Unincorporated Areas (<i>Liberty, Oakhurst, Lotsee, Turley</i>)	Tulsa County Sheriff’s Office	After hours 918-596-9222 Main 918-596-5701