

What is rabies?

- Rabies is a viral disease that attacks the nervous system of all mammals.
- Rabies is nearly always FATAL once symptoms appear.



Rabies is spread to humans through saliva of rabid animals by biting. Being scratched or having saliva meet eyes, nose, mouth, or open wounds may also be considered an exposure.

What if I have been bitten or exposed?

- Get the name and address of the animal 's owner
- If there is no owner, remember what the animal looks like.
- If you are bitten by a wild animal, try to safely capture or confine it
- If the animal must be killed, try not to damage its head
- If contact is made, be sure to wash the area with soap and water. If bitten or scratched, wash the area with soap and water, and use a disinfectant. Seek medical attention promptly.
- Report the bite or exposure to your local animal control agency, health department or police.



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What if my pet bites someone?

- A dog, cat, or ferret that bites or exposes a person will be observed for ten days. In most cases, your pet will quarantine at your residence.
- If alive and healthy at the end of ten days, then the animal could not have transmitted rabies at the time of the bite.

