

# Just for Kids

## The Rap on Rabies

Rabies is caused by a virus. Viruses are very, very small. The common cold is caused by a virus. But unlike a cold, rabies is very dangerous.

### Who can get rabies?

Any mammal, including people, can get rabies. There are different kinds of rabies that make different animals sick. Right now, in Connecticut, raccoons, foxes, skunks and bats are more likely to get rabies. House cats living in the wild are also likely to get rabies.

### How do you get rabies?

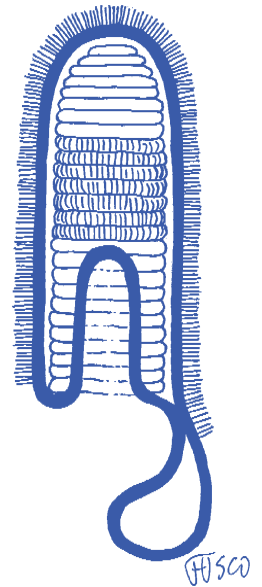
Usually, when you are scratched or bitten by an animal that has rabies.

### How can you tell if an animal has rabies?

Animals with rabies often walk funny and sometimes drool. Just because an animal is seen in the daytime, doesn't mean it has rabies.

### What you can do to avoid rabies....

- | Get your pets vaccinated
- | Keep a safe distance from all animals, even if they seem tame
- | Don't feed wild animals
- | Don't touch dead animals
- | Don't play with or pet strange cats and dogs



This is what the rabies virus looks like through a microscope.

### Mammal Mania

What makes a mammal a mammal?  
Unscramble the words below to find out.

amwr odolb  
lmki nsdlag  
ihra (most mammals)

Answers:  
warm blood, milk glands, hair

