

RABIES

WILDLIFE SITUATIONS

(Raccoon, Fox, Skunk, Bat, Woodchuck, Coyote, Opossum, Bobcat and any other carnivorous wild animal)

<u>Situation</u>	<u>Advice to Public</u>	<u>Response by ACO, PD or DEP</u>
Direct Contact with <i>Human</i> — i.e. visible bite or scratch from a wild animal.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Immediately clean wound with soap and water. 2. Contact physician for advice. 3. Monitor/contain the wild animal until help arrives. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contain wild animal, dispatch it and submit to DPH Virology Lab for testing (do not shoot animal in head). Always wear gloves when handling/transporting animal. 2. Contact local Health Dept. with information
Direct Contact with <i>Domestic Animal</i> — i.e. visible bite or scratch from a wild animal or a pet in contact with or in close proximity to a bat in the home.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wear gloves while handling pet. 2. Keep your pet away from other people and animals. 3. Monitor/contain the wild animal until help arrives. 4. Contact veterinarian for advice. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contain wild animal, dispatch it and submit to DPH Virology Lab for testing (do not shoot animal in head). Always wear gloves when handling/transporting animal. 2. Contact local Animal Control Officer with information.
Sick or Aggressive Wildlife -Wild Animal that is seen stumbling, staggering, extremely lethargic, paralyzed or walking in circles and/or falling down <u>OR</u> a wild animal is seen aggressively approaching and attempting to bite people, pets or inanimate objects.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stay away from the animal and monitor its location from a distance. Keep other people/pets away. 2. If safe to do so cover/contain animal until help arrives. 3. Contact local ACO, PD or DEP for assistance. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contain wild animal, dispatch it and consider submitting to DPH Virology Lab for testing (do not shoot animal in head if testing is needed and be sure to wear gloves). 2. Screen neighborhood to see if there was any possible contact with the wild animal prior to disposing of it. 3. Contact local ACO and/or local Health Dept. with information.
Bat found in living quarters with access to bedrooms where people were sleeping, or a situation with high probability that contact occurred between the bat and a person or pet.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If possible contain bat in a small container while wearing gloves and contact local Health Dept, ACO or DEP for transport to the DPH Virology Lab. 2. If bat unavailable, contact local Health Dept. or DPH Epidemiology Program at 860-509-7994 for advice. 3. Contact physician for medical advice. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Retrieve bat and submit to DPH Virology Lab in Hartford for testing (do not destroy the animal's head). Always wear gloves when handling animal. 2. Contact local Health Dept. with information.
Injured/Orphaned Wildlife or Nuisance Animal in or around home or Animal Behavior Questions	<p><u>DEP Web Site Directories:</u> http://www.ct.gov/dep/ Once there select <u>Natural Resources</u>, then select <u>Wildlife</u>, select <u>Nuisance/Distressed Wildlife</u></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Refer to DEP, Wildlife Division at 860-424-3011, Wildlife Rehabilitator or Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator (directories on-line)