

Animal Bite Reporting Reminder



What is rabies?

Rabies is a fatal viral disease that may be transmitted to any warm blooded animal.

Although the prevalence of rabies within Hastings and Prince Edward Counties is not high, the disease is still present.

Did you know?

Certain people have a legal duty to report information about animal bites and scratches.

- Physicians
- Extended class nurses
- Veterinarians
- Police officers, or
- Those who have information about an animal bite

What is a rabies investigation?

A rabies investigation is conducted by Hastings Prince Edward Public Health (HPEPH), when an incident is reported. The investigation determines if treatment is necessary.

What happens to animals that are investigated?

A 10-day observation period at is the preferred way to determine the potential for rabies transmission for dogs and cats. If a stray dog or cat is suspected, animal control may try to capture the animal for monitoring. If the animal is in good health after 10 days, we know the suspect animal was not shedding the rabies virus at the time of exposure.

Do you have information about an animal bite or scratch?

You can help protect your family and community from Rabies. If you know of an animal exposure, please contact HPEPH at 613-966-5500 ext. 677, complete an online incident report at hpePublicHealth.ca/rabies, or fax incident reports to 613-968-1461.

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