

Preventing

Rabies in Kansas

With proper post-exposure prophylaxis rabies is 100% preventable



Bats are the most common carrier of rabies in the U.S.

What is rabies?

Rabies is a neurologic disease spread from animal bites and scratches.

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Every year the Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory test 900- 1,000 animals for rabies. Striped Skunks are the terrestrial reservoir for rabies in Kansas, this means that rabies are commonly found in this species,

How to prevent rabies

1. Vaccinate

All domesticated animals should be vaccinated for rabies. Some need to be vaccinated every year, and some only need to be vaccinated every 1 to 3 years. Ask your vet to make sure your furry friends are vaccinated appropriately.

2. Watch, But don't Touch

Never touch, play with, or capture a wild animal. Many animals every year in Kansas have to be euthanized because of a persons actions. You can still enjoy wildlife, but enjoy them at a distance, Most importantly never keep a wild animal as a pet.

3. Report

Report all animal bites, domestic and wild, to your healthcare provider or health department. They can test you for rabies and other infections.

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