



# CITY OF HELOTES ANIMAL CONTROL

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## WHAT IS RABIES?

Rabies is a deadly virus. It is transmitted through the saliva of infected animals. All mammals can contract and transmit rabies. Infections in humans usually occurs through animal bites.

Initial symptoms of rabies may be very similar to the flu. Later symptoms can include nausea, confusion, difficulty swallowing, and partial paralysis.

If you are bitten by an animal or exposed to an animal that may have rabies, seek medical attention as quickly as possible.



**Rabies is fatal if untreated.  
Do not risk it. Ensure you  
take measures to protect your  
family and pets from rabies.**



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*Serving Helotes Residents and Furry Friends*

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## YOUR GUIDE TO **RABIES IN WILDLIFE**

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## HIGH RISK ANIMALS

While all warm-blooded animals can contract and transmit the rabies virus. There are some species more prone to the virus than others.

Animals with high-risk of rabies in Texas are:  
Bats \* Coyotes \* Foxes \* Raccoons \* Skunks

The lifestyle of these animals makes them more prone to disease transmission. Humans and household pets should avoid any direct encounter with these wildlife species to help minimize the risk of transmission.

Ensure your property and home are deterrents for these animals by limiting places for them to hide, removing sources of food, and fixing cracks or wholes in structures.

**Any concerns about animals with rabies should be promptly reported to Helotes Animal Control as quickly as possible.**



## RABIES CONTROL

Did you know? Rabies control and prevention is the most important function of the Helotes Animal Control Department. We want to keep you safe!

Educating the public about the rabies virus, how it spreads, and how to prevent it are all part of the department's campaign to keep Helotes residents and their furry friends safe and healthy.



## PROTECT YOUR FAMILY AND PETS

Rabies vaccination is the best way to protect your cats, dogs, and ferrets from infection. Keeping your pets inside and closely monitoring them when they are outside will help keep your pets from being exposed to wildlife with rabies.

People should never approach wildlife, especially species particularly prone to rabies. Most wildlife are scared of humans. An animal who is not scared could be sick. Do not take the risk. Healthy looking animals can have rabies. Testing is the only way to know for sure.

Be safe. Always seek professional assistance to remove or rehome wildlife.