

Guidance for Providing Rabies Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP)

- All bites (by mammals) and other potential rabies exposures are required by law to be reported to **Fairfax County Police Animal Services**. (*Fairfax Code 41.1-2-9*)
- **Fairfax County Police Animal Services: 703-691-2131**, TTY 711, **FAX 703-830-7806**.
- The **Fairfax County Health Department (FCHD)** is available **24/7** for PEP administration questions/guidance at **703-246-2433**, TTY 711. (*evenings & weekends 571-274-2296*).

**REPORT TO
FAIRFAX ANIMAL
SERVICES**

Provide PEP if...

- patient is bitten by a high-risk animal **AND** the animal is **UNAVAILABLE** for rabies testing.

Examples of high-risk animals:



Raccoon



Skunk



Fox



Beaver



Groundhog



Opossum



Bat*

**If patient has a BAT encounter and no bite occurred, please refer to the FCHD for PEP recommendations.*

DO NOT

Provide PEP if...

- patient is bitten by a low-risk animal in the United States **AND** the biting animal is **AVAILABLE†** for testing or confinement.
- animal bite does **NOT** break the skin.

Examples of low-risk animals:



Dog



Cat



Ferret



Rabbit



**Rodents
(including
squirrels)**



Cow

† Police Animal Services may locate dogs, cats and ferrets even if the animal's exact location is unknown. Consult with the FCHD if there is uncertainty.

**FILL OUT
ANIMAL
BITE
REPORT**

Animals not shown to scale.

For complete information on PEP Administration, refer to FCHD's Rabies PEP Protocol Algorithm.

Please note: This list of animals is not exclusive. These are the most common animals that may be encountered in Fairfax. If the biting animal is not listed above, contact the FCHD for PEP recommendations.



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For more information or to request information in an alternate format, call the Fairfax County Health Department at 703-246-2411, TTY 711.

