

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 local Animal Control.
- Halifax ACO 434-572-4292 | Mecklenburg ACO 434-738-6191 | Brunswick County ACO 434-848-0912.
- The Southside Health District is available for PEP administration questions/guidance at 434-738-6815.

REPORT TO 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 PDHD 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



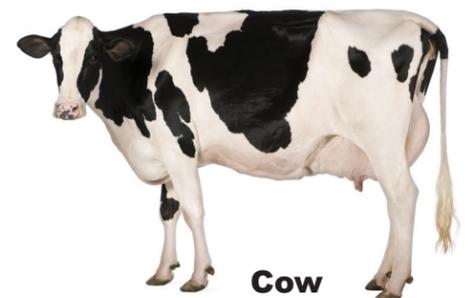
Ferret



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 PDHD if there is uncertainty.

FILL OUT ANIMAL BITE REPORT

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

Animals not shown to scale.

Pittsylvania-Danville and Southside Health Districts



Danville City - Pittsylvania
Halifax - Mecklenburg - Brunswick

Please note: This list of animals is not exclusive.

These are the most common animals that may be encountered in our area. If the biting animal is not listed above, contact the PDHD for PEP recommendations.