

# 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 PHHS Animal Control. (MO DHSS Code A82, Z20.3)

•Boone County Animal Control: 573-449-1888, available 24/7

REPORT TO  
PHHS  
ANIMAL  
CONTROL

## 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 a bite cannot be ruled out, PEP should be administered, unless bat is captured and tests negative

FILL OUT  
ANIMAL  
BITE  
REPORT

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

## 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

\*Animal Control may locate dogs, cats and ferrets even if the animal's exact location is unknown. Consult with Public Health & Human Services if there is uncertainty.

Animals not shown to scale.

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