

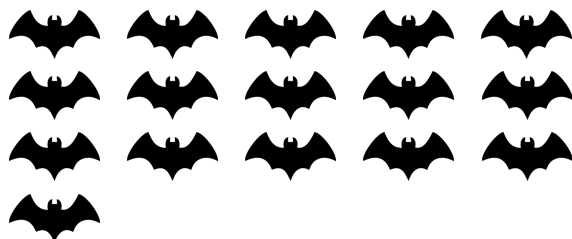


RABIES CONTROL PROGRAM

What is Rabies?

Rabies is a preventable, viral disease that is often transmitted from a wild animal bite by bats, raccoons, skunks, or foxes.

- Early symptoms include: fever, headache, and general weakness or discomfort.
- More progressed symptoms include: insomnia, anxiety, confusion, slight or partial paralysis, excitation, hallucinations, agitation, increase in saliva, difficulty swallowing, and fear of water.
- Death usually occurs within days of the onset of these symptoms.



In 2025, 16 bats tested positive for rabies in Orange County.



In 2024, 13 bats tested positive for rabies in Orange County.

If **you** are bitten or scratched by any kind of animal:

- Wash the wound
- Call your doctor
- Contact OC Animal Care at 714-935-6848

If **your pet** is bitten, scratched, or in a fight with another animal:

- Wear gloves when touching your pet until you have washed your pet.
- Call your veterinarian, even if your pet is up to date on their rabies shot.

Prevent The Spread!

- Ensure your pets are kept current on their rabies vaccination.
- Report all bites from wild and domestic animals to your local animal control authority.
- Do not approach, handle, or attempt to feed any unfamiliar animals.
- Contact the local animal control authority to handle any sick or injured wild animals you may find.
- Discourage wild animals from around your home by keeping garbage in closed containers and not leaving uneaten pet food out. Seal holes or gaps in your home where bats and other animals could enter.