DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO WHEN AN ANIMAL BITES?

CONTACT INFORMATION

Zanesville-Muskingum County Health Department
740-454-9741

County Dog Warden
740-453-0273

Muskingum Soil and Water Conservation
Wildlife Specialist
740-454-2027
(for assistance in removal of “nuisance” wild animals)

ODH Rabies InfoLine
1-888-RABIES1
1-888-722-4371
WAS THERE AN EXPOSURE?

- Rabies exposure can be the result of the bite or scratch contaminated with saliva from a rabid animal.

- When a person is bitten by a dog or other mammal, a report of the bite shall be made within 24 hours to the health department.

DID THE ANIMAL DIE AFTER THE BITE OCCURRED?

- If yes, consult the health department immediately. You may need to take the animal to a vet to have the head removed for testing.

- If no, and animal is a STRAY, call the county dog warden for animal pick-up 740-453-0273.

- If no, and animal is a PET, quarantine and have examined by the health department.

Owner’s Responsibilities

- The animal must be quarantined for at least 10 days and must not be removed from the county in which the bite occurred. The animal may be quarantined at the residence or by the county dog warden.

DO NOT KILL THE ANIMAL!

- A sanitarian will examine the animal after the 10 day quarantine period. Once proof of rabies vaccination has been received by the health department, the animal may be released from quarantine.

- If the animal dies during the quarantine period, notify the health department as soon as possible and take the animal to a vet to have the head removed for testing.

Patient Information

- When an animal bite occurs try to give accurate and detailed information about the owner of the animal so the health department can follow up on the animal bite.

RABIES POST-EXPOSURE TREATMENT (P.E.T.)

- If the animal does not develop signs of rabies within the 10 day quarantine period, the patient does not need to begin P.E.T. treatment. A sanitarian will contact the patient if P.E.T. is recommended.