Rabies Vaccines are Important

Rabies is a deadly viral disease that targets the central nervous system and spreads through the saliva of infected animals—including pets and humans

Protect pets, yourselves, your family, your friends, and the community. Giving rabies vaccines minimizes the chance of having to euthanize a pet due to rabies. Rabies is preventable.

- **Have pets vaccinated for rabies and stay current with their shots**
- **Do not allow pets to roam where they might encounter a wild or stray animal**
- **Do not leave garbage or food outside that could attract unwanted animals**
- **Do not keep a wild animal as a pet**
- **Keep a distance from wild animals. Sometimes, rabid animals seem tame and healthy.**
- **Teach children to avoid unfamiliar animals**
- **If a wild animal is acting strangely or a wild animal is in the area, report it to the local animal control authorities**
- **Bat-proof homes to prevent nesting and bats coming into contact with people in your home or your pets**

What to do if Pets are Bitten

- Contact your veterinarian immediately or go to emergency vet care
- Follow veterinarian's instructions
- Report the bite to your local animal control authority
- If bitten by someone's pet, get the vaccination record