



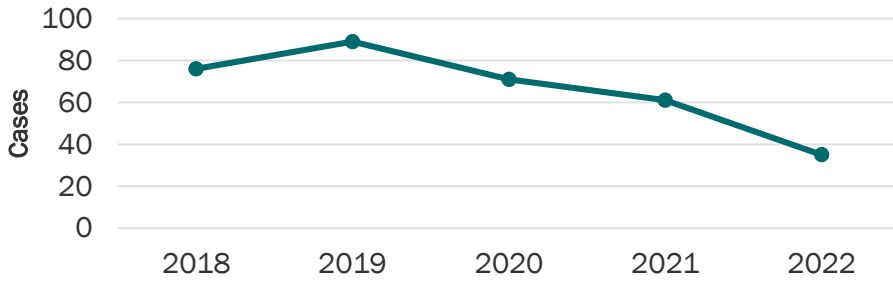
Animal Rabies

Maine Surveillance Report | 2022

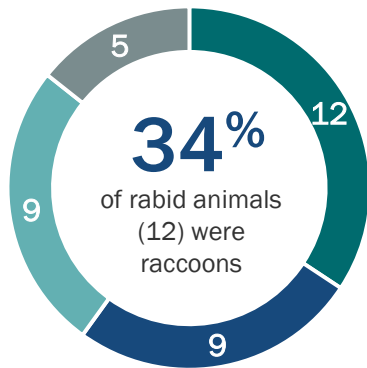
Case Information:

35 Animals tested positive at HETL

43% Decrease from 2021



Reported Rabid Animals:



- Raccoon
- Bat
- Skunk
- Other

*Other includes:
1 Cat, 1 Cow, 1 Red Fox,
1 Otter & 1 Woodchuck*

In Maine, lab-confirmed rabid animals were involved* in:

20 domestic animal exposures

6 human exposures

7 domestic animal & human exposures

**Two animals were not involved in any exposures*

Laboratory:

482

animals submitted to HETL for testing

220

animals submitted July to September (46% of total)

117

animals submitted in August (24% of total)

461

animals tested

423

negative results

21

animals not tested*

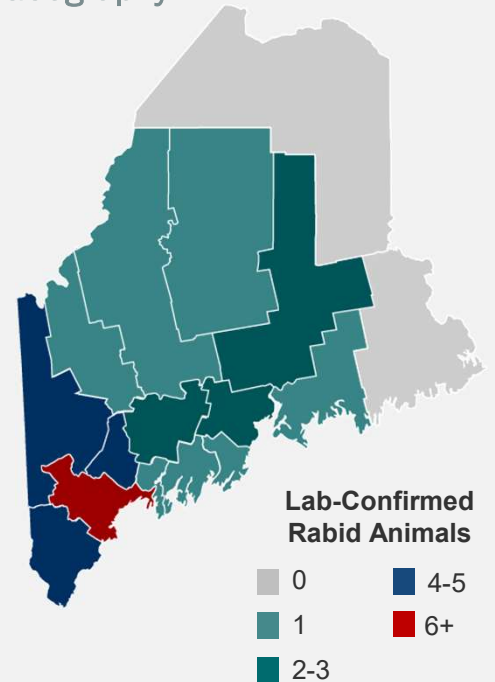
** Reasons include improper packaging, delays in shipment, contamination of the specimen, questionable exposures, etc.*

Animals Tested in 2022:

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| Bats | Opossums |
| Canada lynx | Otters |
| Cats | Oxen |
| Chipmunks | Pigs |
| Cows | Porcupines |
| Coyotes | Raccoons |
| Dogs | Rats |
| Ermings | Sheep |
| Ferrets | Squirrels |
| Foxes | Skunks |
| Goats | Weasels |
| Horses | Woodchucks |
| Muskrats | |



Geography:



Trends:

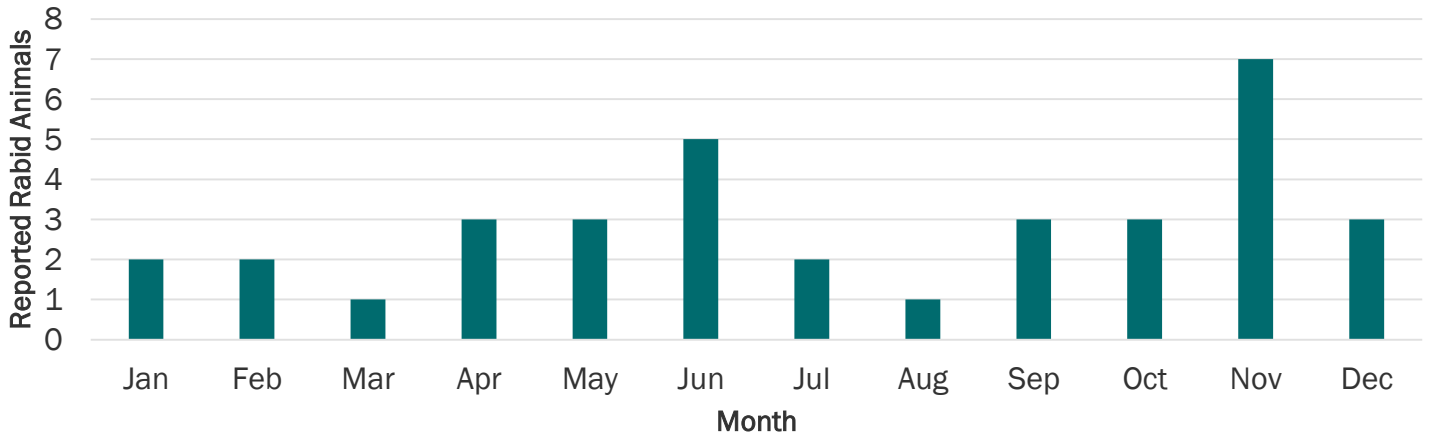
- Total reported cases decreased compared to the previous year.
- Cases reported in 14 out of 16 counties.
- Highest number (6) of rabid animals from Cumberland County.

For more information visit:
www.maine.gov/dhhs/rabies
www.cdc.gov/rabies





Monthly Distribution of Rabid Animals:



Human Rabies Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP):

117

Maine residents received rabies PEP

▲ 16% increase from 2021

15

Out-of-state residents received rabies PEP

6%

Patients were previously vaccinated for rabies

Demographics:

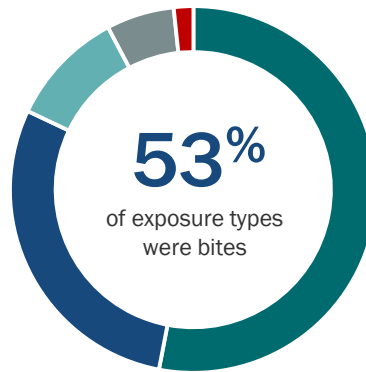


51% of patients were female

Median age of 36
Age range of 1-85 years

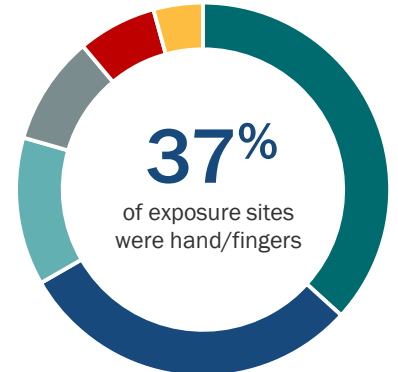
88% of patients were White

Exposure Types



- Bite
- Possible bat
- Scratch
- Mucous
- Other

Exposure Sites



- Hand/Finger
- Other
- Multiple sites
- Head/Neck
- Leg
- Arm

Prevention:

Keep rabies vaccinations up-to-date for all dogs, cats, and ferrets

Feed pets indoors and keep garbage cans and other food sources tightly secured

Avoid contact with wildlife or any animals you do not know

After an animal exposure:

- Clean all wounds with soap and water for 15 minutes
- Call your local Animal Control Officer or Game Warden
- For **human** exposures, contact a healthcare provider
- For **pet & livestock** exposures, contact a veterinarian