

Skunk Rabies in Metro Region

New challenges for Public Health & Animal Control

Bats have traditionally been the main carrier in Jefferson County. Rabid skunks are becoming more common, and recently found near South C470 & I25

Steps needed to Control and Prevent Rabies NOW!

- ▶ **Avoid all stray or wild animals.**
- ▶ **Vaccinate and license cats, dogs and ferrets.**
(Horse owners consult with your veterinarian)
- ▶ **Obey leash laws. Do not let pets roam free.**

- ▶ **Bite/Scratch Case management**
 - ▶ All bite or scratch wounds should be washed with soap and water immediately and referred to a healthcare provider
 - ▶ 10 day quarantine of offending pet or euthanasia and brain test of pet or euthanasia and brain test of wild animal

Animal Control

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For more information on rabies and other animal-borne disease, visit our website at www.jeffco.us/health.

