Rabies & Bats

Bats can be carriers of rabies, take precaution!

Prevent Rabies:

- Vaccinate and license pets (cats, dogs, ferrets etc.)
- Keep pets on a leash or in a pen, do not let pets roam free.
- Avoid all stray or wild animals.
- If bitten or scratched by a pet or wild animal, immediately wash any wounds with soap and water. Contact your family doctor.
- Do not handle bats and beware of any seen during day light hours. Bats that are active during the day (seen in places where bats are not usually seen, i.e. indoors, on the lawn) or any bat that is unable to fly should be considered possibly rabid and reported to the appropriate animal control agency.
- A dead bat that has not bitten or otherwise exposed people or pets can be disposed of safely by using a shovel to place the bat in a plastic bag. The bag should be double knotted and disposed of in an outdoor trash container.

Animal Control - Contact your local animal control or Jefferson County Animal Control at 303-271-5070

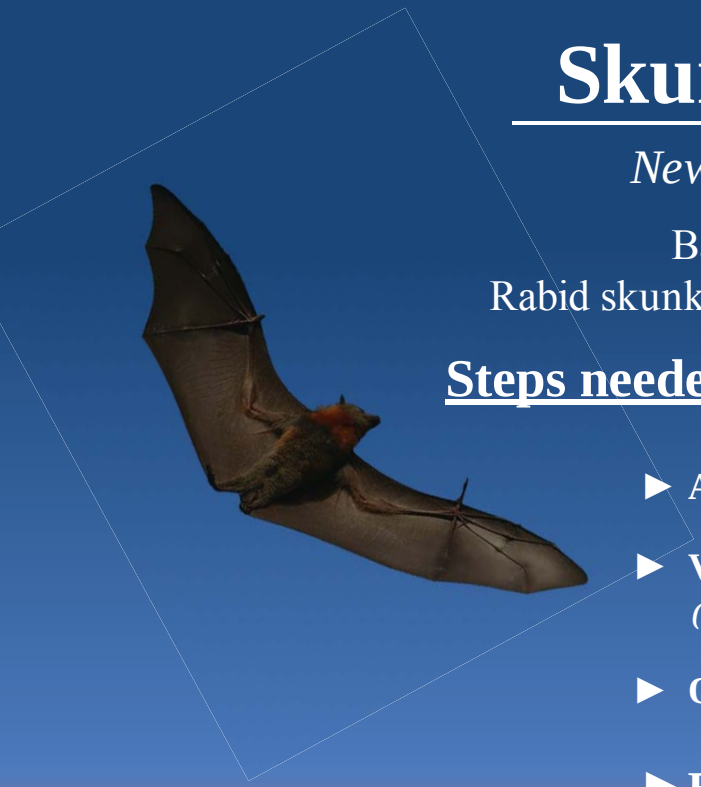
Jefferson County Public Health Zoonosis Program - 303.232.6301,
David Volkel - dvolkel@jeffco.us

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

Jefferson County Public Health

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**

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