

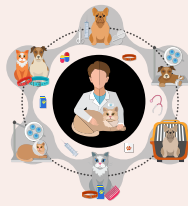
Rabies Control in the United States

Many systems work together to keep people safe from rabies. Each year, in the United States:

PREVENTION:



10 Million rabies vaccines are given to wild animals by wildlife biologists



40 Million dogs and cats are vaccinated against rabies by animal health experts



Hundreds of scientists are working to develop new method to prevent rabies

DANGER:



4 Million Americans report being bitten by animals

800,000 Americans receive medical attention and consultations from local and state health departments



60,000 Americans are thought to be exposed to rabies, and receive treatment

The many faces of rabies control in the United States

IMPACT:



Less than 3 rabies deaths reported in the US



\$1 billion saved in healthcare cost



95% decline in human rabies deaths from their peak in 1945

RESPONSE:

100,000 veterinarians, animal control staff, and public health workers assess rabies risk in animals and people



130 specialized laboratories test **100,000** animals for rabies

>4,000 animals test positive for rabies – mostly bats, raccoons, skunks, foxes, cats, and dogs



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