

# SMDHU Rabies Program Duty to Report

**Attention: Recreational Camp Directors, Recreational Camp Health Care Providers**

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## **Health Unit Contact Info for Rabies Program:**

Phone: 705-721-7520 or 877-721-7520 ext. **8894**

Afterhours Phone: 1-888-225-7851

Fax: **705-725-8132**

Email: [Rabies.program@smdhu.org](mailto:Rabies.program@smdhu.org)

Please report **all animal bite or scratch exposures** through our **Designated Rabies Fax Line, using the attached form**. The attached updated **Rabies and Animal Exposure Incident Report Form** is provided to assist with the collection of required reporting information. The Designated Rabies Fax Line **(705) 725-8132** is monitored 7 days a week to ensure timely investigation of all reported exposure incidents.

In addition, for all animal exposures incidents **involving facial, neck or head bites, direct contacts with bats or wildlife** animals, or for animal exposures requiring vaccine and immunoglobulin, please contact our Rabies Coordinator by telephone at **705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 ext. 8811** (Monday – Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm) or our After-hours On-Call Public Health Inspector at **1-888-225-7851** (evenings, weekends or holidays).

## **Duty to Report**

Please be reminded of the following reporting requirements under the Health Protection and Promotion Act, Regulation 557 Communicable Disease – Section 2 (1):

*A physician, veterinarian, police officer or any other person who has information concerning any animal bite or other animal contact that may result in rabies in persons shall, as soon as possible, notify the medical officer of health and provide the medical officer of health with the information.*

Although the number of positive rabid animals remains low with Simcoe-Muskoka, the health unit considers all animal bite incidents to be possible rabies exposures, and investigates all such incidents.