

Don't Touch!

High-risk animals for rabies virus in Texas are skunks, bats, raccoons, foxes and coyotes.



Rabies Dangers

VACCINATE YOUR PET

State law requires that dogs and cats be vaccinated against rabies -- and those vaccinations be up to date. It's the most important thing you can do!

DO NOT TOUCH

Do not touch any wild animal -- including baby animals. Nighttime animals that are active during the daytime may be sick.

DO NOT FEED

Never feed a wild animal. Avoid leaving pet food outdoors and keep garbage in closed containers.

KEEP PETS INDOORS

Keep family cats and dogs indoors or in a fenced yard to avoid contact with wild animals.

IT'S A CRIME

It is a Class C misdemeanor to transport live foxes, skunks, coyotes and raccoons from, to, or within this state.

CALL FOR HELP

Call your local animal control. In situations involving any animal that poses a danger or safety hazard, call 9-1-1 immediately.



Rabies is a viral illness that is fatal. In the past three years, 80 percent of all rabid animals in the DFW area and surrounding counties were skunks. (source: TX DSHS).



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