



STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF  
**PUBLIC HEALTH**

## **Rabies 60 Sec PSA**

Rabies is a viral disease that can infect all mammals, including humans.

This is State public Health Veterinarian, Dr. Dee Jones. Protect yourself, your family and your pet – not just by staying away from wild animals that often carry the disease but also by getting your pets vaccinated. Raccoons and bats are the most common carriers of the rabies virus.

Your first reaction may be to approach a strange acting or injured animal. But often times people are bitten or scratched while trying to help the animal. The best approach may be to contact your local animal control officers. If you are bitten or scratched by an animal you should seek medical attention immediately. Although rabies is 100% fatal, it is also 100% preventable.

For more information visit our website [w-w-w dot Alabama public health dot gov](http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov).

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