

# MCHD HEALTH BLOG

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MORGAN COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.



## RABIES PREVENTION

Did you know our environmental health staff does rabies investigation and prevention activities? Our staff investigates animal bites, has the authority to quarantine animals and has the ability to send specimens to the Ohio Department of Health's Public Health Laboratory. These investigations help protect our residents.

Rabies is a fatal but preventable disease. It can spread to people and pets if they are bitten or scratched by a rabid animal. In the United States, rabies is mostly found in wild animals like bats, raccoons, skunks, and foxes. Rabies can be prevented by vaccinating pets, staying away from wildlife, and seeking medical care after potential exposures before symptoms start.

Keeping your pets up to date on their rabies vaccination will prevent them from getting the disease from wildlife, and thereby prevent possible transmission to your family or other people. The Morgan County Health Department will be hosting a Rabies Vaccination Clinic in the upper parking lot at our location on Saturday, October 1. The clinic will be in operation from 9:00am to 12:00pm. The Morgan County Health Department is located at 4275 N. State Route 376 NW in McConnelsville. John Groah DVM will be administering the vaccine. The cost of the vaccine is \$8 cash. Please bring your dogs on a leash and your cats in a cage/carrier.

If your dog or cat is not up to date on their rabies vaccination, please take time on Saturday, October 1 to provide this protection for your pet. If you have questions, feel free to call the Health Department at (740) 962-4572.