

# RABIES PREVENTION STARTS WITH YOU.

## RESPONSIBLE OWNERSHIP BEGINS WITH VACCINATION

- All dogs, cats, and ferrets are required by Alabama law to be vaccinated against rabies. Vaccines are also available for livestock and horses. Any animal that has frequent contact with humans should be vaccinated.
- Vaccination not only helps protect the animal from rabies, it helps protect owners, family members, and others by preventing infection in the animal.

## REDUCE THE RISK OF EXPOSURE TO WILDLIFE

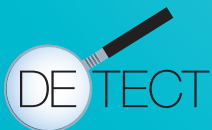
- Spay or neuter your pets to reduce roaming and fighting behaviors.
- Keep pets from roaming free to reduce potential exposure to rabid wildlife.
- Avoid leaving pet food or open garbage outside because it may will attract wild and stray animals.
- Wild animals should not be kept as pets, and is illegal under Alabama Wildlife laws.
- Enjoy all wild animals from a distance and teach children never to handle unfamiliar animals – even if they appear friendly.
- If you see a wild animal acting strangely, report it to city or county animal control officials.

## WHAT TO DO IF YOUR PET BITES SOMEONE

- Encourage the person to seek medical attention and to contact the local health department.
- Any domestic animal that bites a human needs to be examined by a licensed veterinarian.



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