

Table 4. Management of Animals that Potentially Expose Humans or Domestic Animals to Rabies

Type of Animal	Action Taken
High risk wildlife species (bat, fox, raccoon, skunk, woodchuck, wildlife hybrid, coyote, etc.)	Submit the animal head (exception: can submit entire bat) to HETL for rabies testing.
Other wild mammals (exotics, deer, etc.)	Call Maine CDC at 1-800-821-5821 for guidance.
Owned dogs, cats, and ferrets that appear healthy	Confine and observe the animal for 10 days regardless of vaccination status.
Domestic livestock (horse, goat, sheep, cattle, swine, etc.) that appear healthy	Call Maine CDC at 1-800-821-5821 for guidance.
Domestic animal (dog, cat, ferret, horse, cattle, sheep, goat, swine, etc.) with signs suggestive of rabies	Submit the animal head to HETL for rabies testing.
Stray dogs, cats, and ferrets	Submit the animal head to HETL for rabies testing, or confine and observe for 10 days if town/facility willing
Small rodents (mice, rats, hamsters, gerbils, squirrels, chipmunks, moles, voles, etc.) or rabbits	Neither confinement nor testing of animal is needed unless there are special circumstances. Call Maine CDC at 1-800-821-5821 for guidance.
