



Fall 2019



**RABIES
RISK** 



**PLANNING FOR
A DISASTER**

**HOLIDAY FOOD
DANGERS**



*Madison County
Animal Care & Control*

Rabies Risk

Madison County Animal Care and Control positively tested three bats with rabies in August and September. There was no known human exposure in either case, however it brings heightened awareness to avoid bats and other wildlife in order to prevent the viral disease.

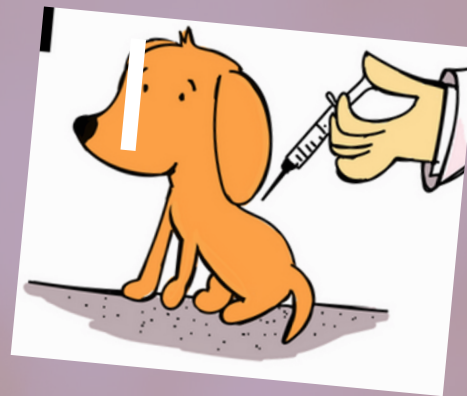
Rabies is a virus that infects mammals. When an infected animal bites a human, rabies is transmitted from saliva, through the open wound and into the nerves, where the virus goes to the brain and spinal cord. This process can take between three and 12 weeks. Before the virus gets to the brain, a person may have no symptoms or only mild symptoms like fever, weakness or discomfort. At this stage, a person can get post-exposure treatment and still survive.

The U.S. averages 1 to 3 human cases of rabies a year, down from 30 to 50 cases per year in the 1940s. The decrease is largely due to routine pet vaccination and availability of post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), which combines rabies vaccine and rabies immune globulin to prevent infection after exposure to the virus.

Healthy bats try to avoid contact with people. But those infected with rabies will act differently, be more active in the day or stumble along the ground. In these cases, people should contact local animal control office.

Rabies can be fatal without preventative treatment. To prevent the the spread of rabies follow these tips:

— Get your pets vaccinated. The most common way for humans to get rabies infections is by way of their pets. Having your dogs, cats, and ferrets vaccinated is an important form of prevention, both for you and for them. Take your pets to the vet to start the process right away.



— Do not touch, feed, or unintentionally attract wild animals with open garbage cans or litter.

— Never adopt wild animals or bring them into the home. Do not try to nurse sick, wild animals to health. Call animal control or an animal rescue agency for assistance.

— Teach children never to handle unfamiliar animals, wild or domestic, even if they appear friendly. “Love your own, leave other animals alone” is a good principle for children to reduce the risk of contact with rabid animals.

Rabies is a viral disease that infects the central nervous system and causes disease in the brain and can lead to death.

Symptoms of rabies in humans include fever, headache and general weakness or discomfort early on and can progress to anxiety, confusion, hallucinations, hyper salivation and hydrophobia. Once the infection progresses to this point, death occurs within days.

When Disaster Strikes: Plan for Pets

Are you prepared for a disaster or emergency? Does your plan include your pets?

September is National Preparedness Month, which includes preparing for your pet's needs too.

Here are a few simple steps to save your pet.

- Most shelters cannot accept pets due to health and safety concerns. Learn how to seek out animal friendly shelters in advance.
- Keep copies of your pet's medical records. Pet friendly shelters require up-to-date records.
- Federal Law requires states to include planning for domesticated animals in their emergency evacuation plans. Following Hurricane Katrina in 2005 U.S. Congress enacted the Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act when people refused to leave their pets behind.
- Make sure to get your pet microchipped. If your pet becomes lost or you get separated then the success of finding them is greater.
- Pack your pet's disaster and first aid kits. Make sure to pack a leash or harness, cat carrier, an extra collar labeled with your pet's name, first aid kit, plastic bowl, cat litter (which can be kept inside the car carrier), at least five days of spare medication and several gallons of water and food to last for a minimum of three days. Visit www.ready.gov to learn more or Madison County Emergency Management.

Pawrints

Pictures from past events



Pet Fair
for seniors



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HOLIDAY FOOD DANGERS



Thanksgiving is a time for family, friends and feasts, but it can also cause stress on our pets.

Holiday food should be kept away from pets. Overindulging in a family feast can be unhealthy for humans, but it can be extremely harmful for animals. Fatty foods are hard for animals to digest, bones can damage your pets' digestive tract and sweets contain poisonous ingredients.

Remember to keep the feast on the table — not under it.

Foods that are poisonous to pets include onions, raisins, grapes and chocolate. In addition, anything with the artificial sweetener xylitol can be deadly to dogs and cats.

A few small boneless pieces of cooked turkey or a taste of mashed potatoes shouldn't pose a problem. However, don't let your pets overindulge as they can end up with an upset stomach, diarrhea or worse.

Halloween is a fun time of year; especially for kids. However, this fun holiday can pose some real danger for your pet.

Chocolate

The sweet smell of candy left by a door pleases pets. Chocolate is toxic to pets and can cause severe vomiting, diarrhea and seizures. Raisins (and other grape products) can cause severe kidney failure. The two of these combined is the ultimate toxic nightmare for pets.

Candy Corn

Candies that are made with pure sugar can cause severe gas and diarrhea. The sugar not only provides a great source of food for gut bacteria to indulge on, it can also pull water into the colon and cause a bad case of diarrhea.

Bite-size hard candy

Hard candy often has a delicious taste to dogs. These treats pose a major choking hazard for pets.

Candy with wrappers

When dogs get into the candy bowl, they don't usually bother to unwrap the treats first. Plastic and foil wrappers pose a health risk since they can cause an obstruction in the intestines and irritate the lining of the GI tract.



PRECIOUS PETS

FOSTERED
KITTENS
FROM
MADISON
COUNTY
ANIMAL
CARE &
CONTROL

*Why Foster?
Fostering is rewarding. You get to save lives. These precious babies have nothing but what we give them.*

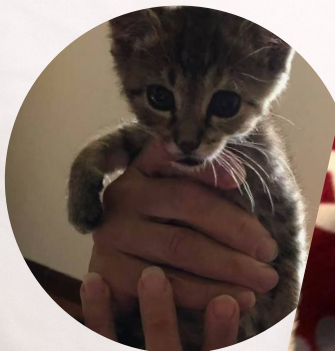


I have been fostering for Madison County Animal Care and Control for the past year. I have bottle fed kittens, taken them to the vet, volunteered with transporting animals and assisted at events. I fostered, then adopted a dog named Lily.

In addition, it is so wonderful to be able to be part of an organization that is now at a 95 percent save rate. It makes you feel part of a winning team effort. I cannot say enough about the support, success and overall happiness you feel helping this organization and these deserving creatures.

Please consider fostering. It will change your life and that of an animal.

JAN CONDER



FALL EVENTS

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MASQUERSPAYED
A Masquerade Party

METRO EAST
HUMANE
SOCIETY
ROCK-A-ROLL
BINGO

SATURDAY
NOV. 9 @6PM

EDWARDSVILLE
MOOSE LODGE



Corks



Collars

Friday
November 15th
from 6:30 to 9:30 pm
Hosted by Tony's
Alton, IL

Wine &
Spirits Tasting
Appetizers, Live Music
Silent Auction, Raffles
Tickets \$30.00

FOUR LEGGED
RUNNING HALF MARATHON,
5K, AND DOG MILE
SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 17, 2019

Sp Adobe Spark

11/23
2019

Price
\$22

LITTLE BROTHER'S PET RESCUE AT SPENCER KENNEL
PRESENTS

**Rock'n
ROLL BINGO**

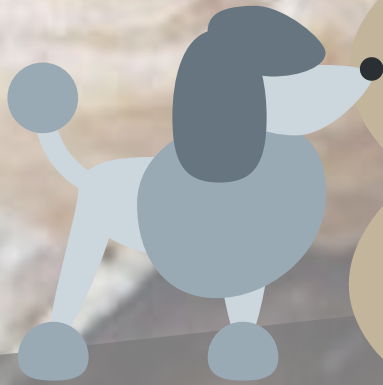
THE BEST GAME IN TOWN WITH THE BEST ROCK AND ROLL TRIVIA!

50/50
Barrel of Booze
Silent Auction

Hosted by:
The Arch Rivals

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM - COLLINSVILLE VFW, 1234 VANDALIA ST., COLLINSVILLE, IL

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Doggie Treats

2 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
2 eggs
1/2 cup canned pumpkin
2 tablespoons peanut butter
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees
2. Whisk together the flour, eggs, pumpkin, peanut butter, salt, and cinnamon in a bowl. Add water as needed to help make the dough workable, but the dough should be dry and stiff. Roll the dough into a 1/2-inch-thick roll. Cut into 1/2-inch pieces.
3. Bake in preheated oven until hard, about 40 minutes.

Menu

Items need for Animal Control

CAT / KITTEN FOOD
CLUMPING CAT LITTER



Cattitude is everything

