



ZOONOTIC DISEASE PROGRAM

# Reporting an Animal Bite

If you've been bitten by an animal, clean the wound with soap and water. Contact your health care provider to determine if additional medical treatment is needed. Report the bite to the local animal control agency, who will contact Spokane Regional Health District to determine the potential for rabies exposure, the need for rabies treatment and whether or not to test the animal for rabies. It is very important to talk to your doctor or health care provider right away if any animal bites you, especially a wild animal, because rabies treatment must begin before symptoms appear or the person usually does not survive.

## Local Animal Control Agencies

If you live in:	Report an animal bite to:
Spokane (city limits)	<b>SCRAPS (Spokane County Regional Animal Protection Services)</b> 6815 E. Trent Spokane Valley, WA 99212 <b>(509) 477-2532</b>  SCRAPS would prefer you report an animal bite by calling the number listed above. If you are unable to do so, you can also report a bite at the following link:  <a href="http://www.spokanecounty.org/scraps/complaints.aspx">www.spokanecounty.org/scraps/complaints.aspx</a>
Spokane Valley	
Spokane County (unincorporated)	
Cheney	
Deer Park	
Fairfield	
Liberty Lake	
Medical Lake	
Millwood	
Latah	
Rockford	Kim Freyaldenhoven, (509) 291-4716, <a href="mailto:kimf@rockfordwa.com">kimf@rockfordwa.com</a>
Spangle	Peggy, (509) 245-3260, <a href="mailto:townofspangle@centurytel.net">townofspangle@centurytel.net</a>
Waverly	(509) 283-4372, <a href="mailto:waverlytown@palousenet.com">waverlytown@palousenet.com</a>

**If you are unsure who your local animal control agency is, report the animal bite to SCRAPS.**

## Special Instructions for Bats and Wild Animals

<b>If you:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Have any contact</b> with a bat</li> <li>• <b>Find a bat in your home</b>, even if you do not think you were bitten</li> <li>• <b>Find your pet with a bat</b></li> <li>• <b>Are bitten or scratched</b> by any wild or stray animal</li> </ul>	<b>IMMEDIATELY report the incident to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spokane Regional Health District at <b>509.324.1560, ext. 7</b></li> <li>• <b>Safely capture</b> the bat, if possible. Use heavy leather gloves, a heavy towel, or tongs. Put it in a can and cover with a tight lid. Do not damage the head of the bat because the brain is needed for testing. Wash your hands with soap and water after capturing the bat.</li> </ul>
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