



RACCOON RABIES

RABIES IS DEADLY.

**Contribute to the fight
against raccoon rabies.**



Animal relocation prohibited in Estrie and Montérégie

It is prohibited to relocate live raccoons, skunks, foxes, and coyotes in most municipalities of Estrie and Montérégie.

An animal that appears healthy can carry rabies and develop symptoms weeks, or even months, after being infected. The movement prohibition helps protect human health as well as the health of domestic and wild animals.

FOCUS ON PREVENTION

Relocating a nuisance animal, even over a short distance, can spread raccoon rabies to areas that are currently free of the disease. It is therefore essential to avoid conflicts with wild animals by putting preventive measures in place, such as:

- Using sturdy metal or plastic garbage cans with tight-fitting lids kept closed with a latch or an elastic band;
- Blocking openings in buildings and attics, as well as access beneath sheds and porches;
- Avoiding leaving food for dogs and cats outside;
- If you feed wild birds, using raccoon-proof feeders and limiting the accumulation of food on the ground;
- Properly fencing chicken coops and vegetable gardens.



To learn more,
see the web page

Québec.ca/présence-animaux-sauvages.

(French only)



YOUR EFFORTS TO DRIVE ANIMALS AWAY ARE UNSUCCESSFUL?

If your preventive methods prove unsuccessful, you may kill a nuisance animal, even outside the regulated hunting and trapping seasons. No authorization is required. However, it remains prohibited to relocate the species subject to the transport ban.



If a species subject to the movement prohibition has entered a building, it may be captured in order to be released immediately outside the building, but without being transported to another location. Likewise, animals captured accidentally must be released at the site of their capture.

MOVING AN ORPHANED OR INJURED ANIMAL IS PROHIBITED

The prohibition also applies to moving a raccoon, skunk, fox, or coyote that is injured, sick, or appears orphaned to a rehabilitation centre, a shelter, or a veterinary clinic. It is recommended to let nature take its course. You may, however, report to us an animal that appears injured or sick; it could be of interest for raccoon rabies surveillance.



ACT QUICKLY IN CASE OF CONTACT

If you have been bitten or scratched by a wild animal, or have come into contact with its saliva, clean the wound for 10 to 15 minutes. **Then contact Info-Santé 811.**



For more information on raccoon rabies or to report an injured or sick animal, visit **[Québec.ca/raccoonrabies](https://quebec.ca/raccoonrabies)**.



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