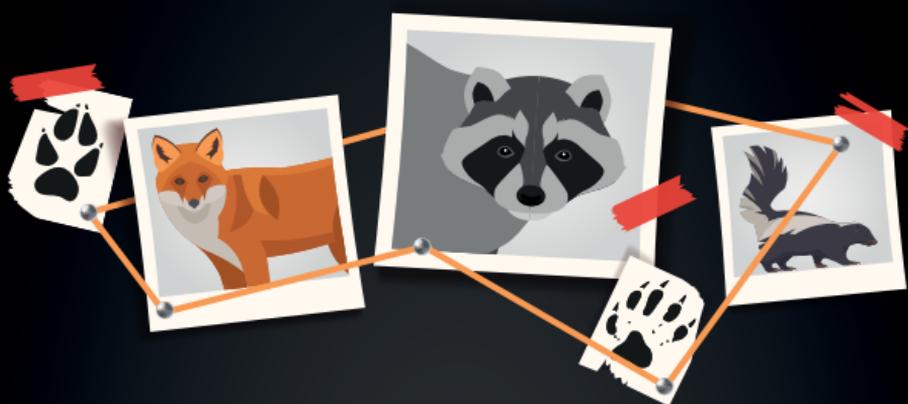




# RABIES IS DEADLY.



## Report suspect animals!

Since December 2024, several cases of raccoon rabies have been detected in Estrie and Montérégie. The risk of rabies in wild animals is therefore very high in these regions.

Help fight against raccoon rabies by **reporting any raccoon, skunk or fox** that is found dead or appears to be sick, paralyzed, disoriented or unusually aggressive.

Rabies is a fatal, incurable disease that can be transmitted to humans by infected animals. Surveillance of this disease is essential to identify affected areas and to carry out vaccination operations adapted to the situation.

- To report the presence of a suspect animal, regardless of the season, call 1-877-346-6763, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or, at any time, go to [Québec.ca/raccoonrabies](https://Quebec.ca/raccoonrabies).



# A RISK TO YOU... AND YOUR PETS.



**You can catch rabies if you are bitten by an infected animal or if its saliva comes into contact with a wound or mucus membrane (eyes, nose, mouth).**

## Contact Info-Santé

- If you are bitten or scratched by an unknown animal or come into contact with its saliva, wash the wound with soap and water for 10 to 15 minutes, however minor it may seem.
- Contact Info-Santé 811 immediately to obtain appropriate medical follow-up. You may need a post-exposure vaccine to prevent the disease from developing.

## Be very careful

**An animal can carry rabies and begin showing symptoms several weeks or even months after being infected. Even if an animal looks healthy, it may still transmit rabies.**

- Never approach an unknown animal, whether wild or domestic, even if it has been orphaned or seems harmless. An animal that looks healthy may still carry rabies. Make sure your children understand how important it is to follow this instruction.
- Avoid moving unwanted animals or those that appear to be orphaned, as doing so could spread rabies to other areas.
- To avoid attracting wildlife to your yard:
  - Keep outdoor garbage cans out of reach;
  - Avoid feeding pets outside;
  - Block places where raccoons and skunks could build a nest or den, for example by installing a metal grid around the space under your veranda or shed.



## See a vet to:

- Vaccinate your dogs or cats against rabies and keep their vaccinations up to date;
- Determine whether other outdoor animals (e.g. livestock) should be vaccinated;
- Assess the risk of rabies transmission if your animal has been in contact with a wild animal or is showing signs suggestive of rabies.

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