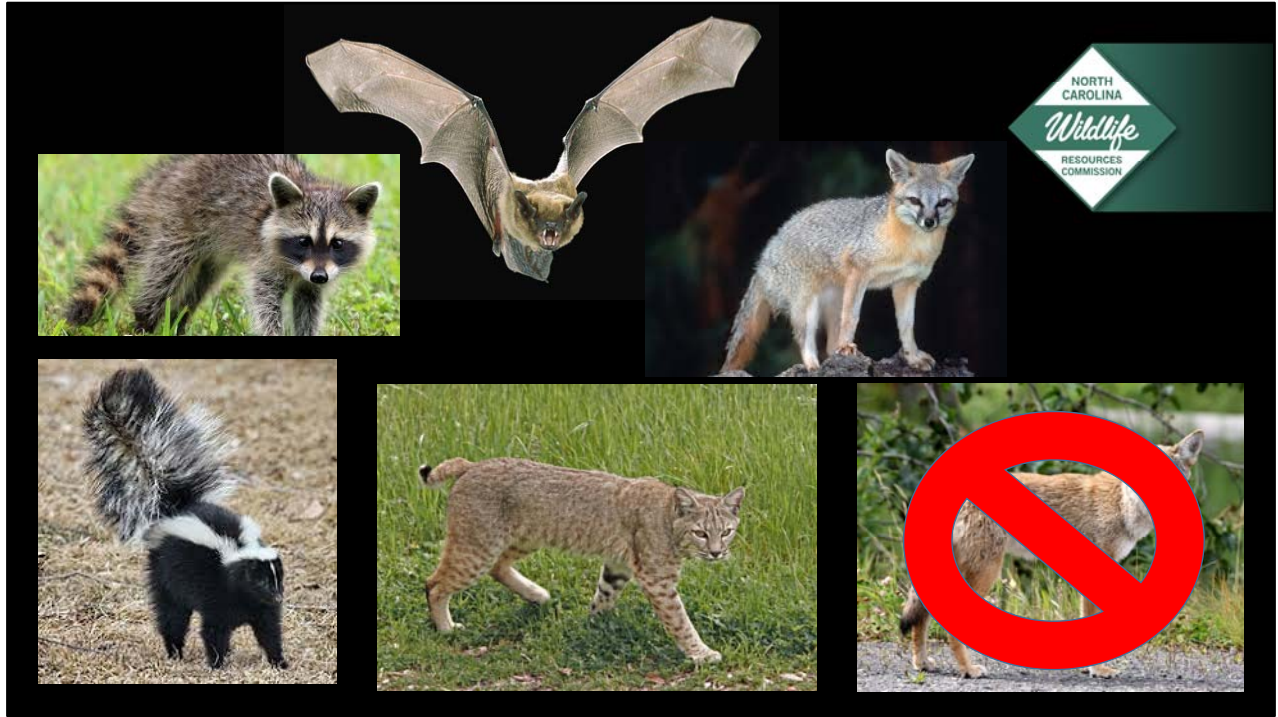




NC Rabies Rehabilitation

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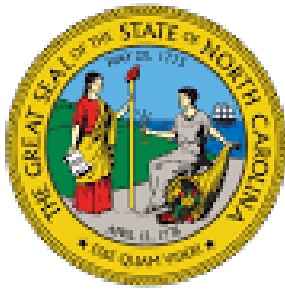


- Must be an active rehabilitator for at least 3 years in NC or in another state.
- Need 12 hours of rabies training or rabies species-specific training, or combination of the two.
- Certify that you have up to date rabies vaccination or up to date rabies titers.
 - This applies to any person who will come in contact with the rabies species.



Your going to need a Veterinarian.

Animal Control and County Health Department



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- Coordinate with appropriate local health department regarding euthanasia and testing of rabies species.

What About Potential Exposure?



- All rabies species shall be considered potentially infected with the rabies virus.
- If any human or domestic animal has been scratched, bitten, or exposed to saliva, the fluid that surrounds the brain and spinal cord, or brain and spinal cord material from any rabies species, the license holder shall contact the local Health Department immediately to report the incident.
- The local Health Department may require euthanasia of the animal and submission of the brain for rabies testing.
- Rehabilitators shall abide by all requests made by authorized public health department personnel, animal control, or Commission personnel regarding disposition of the animal.
- No rabies species that has scratched or bitten a human or domestic animal or dies in captivity can be released or disposed of until the local Health Department investigates the situation to determine if testing is necessary.



Let's Talk Enclosures

- Have separate facilities from non-rabies species.
- Enclosures within the facility shall prevent escape of the animal and exposure to people, pets, livestock, and other captive or free-ranging wildlife.
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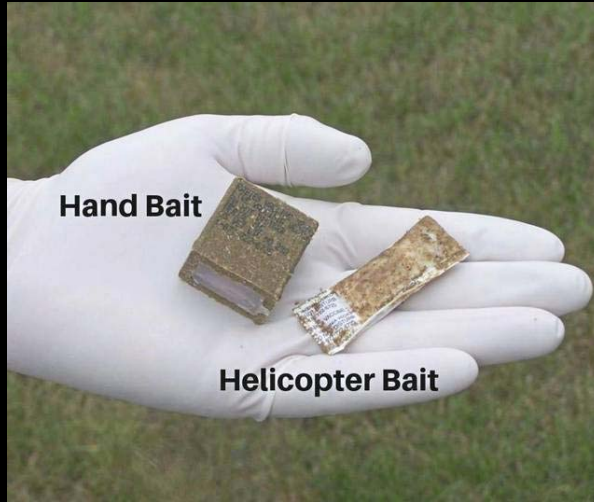
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USDA - Oral Rabies Vaccination Counties:



- Except for bats, rehabilitation and release of rabies species is not authorized in counties where the USDA-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Oral Rabies Vaccination (ORV) program is conducted
- Ashe, Buncombe, Haywood, Jackson, Madison, Mitchell, Swain, Watauga, Yancey, Cherokee, Graham, Swain

When and where do we release?



- Rehabilitated rabies species must be released in either the county where they were rehabilitated or the county where they were found.

GO AHEAD AND TELL THEM



**THEY'LL NEVER BELIEVE I ATE
YOUR REPORTS!**

