

RABIES

- *What is Rabies?*
 - *A viral disease of the nervous system that is both fatal and transmissible to people and other animals.*
- *ONCE CLINICAL SIGNS APPEAR – DEATH IS NEAR!!!!*
- *How do you/animals get it?*
 - *Transmission is by a bite of infected animals, when the saliva containing the Rabies virus is introduced to the body.*
 - *Most CASES IN DOGS DEVELOP WITHIN 20 – 80 DAYS AFTER EXPOSURE.*
- *Signs:*
 - *CNS disturbance*
 - *Sudden severe behavioral changes and unexplainable paralysis that worsens over time.*
 - *Loss of appetite*
 - *APPREHENSION/NERVOUSNESS*
 - *IRRITABILITY*
 - *HYPEREXCITABILITY*
- *“MAD-DOG SYNDROME”*
 - *Vicious and aggressive behavior using teeth and claws.*
 - *POSTURE IS ALERT AND ANXIOUS WITH DILATED PUPILS*
 - *Excess salivation*
 - *Due to inability to swallow*
- *PEOPLE CAN BE INFECTED SIMPLY BY TOUCHING THE MOUTH/SALIVA OF INFECTED ANIMALS*

The only way to test for rabies is decapitation!!!!!!!

Vaccine – as early as 3 months and booster at 1 year and every 3 years.