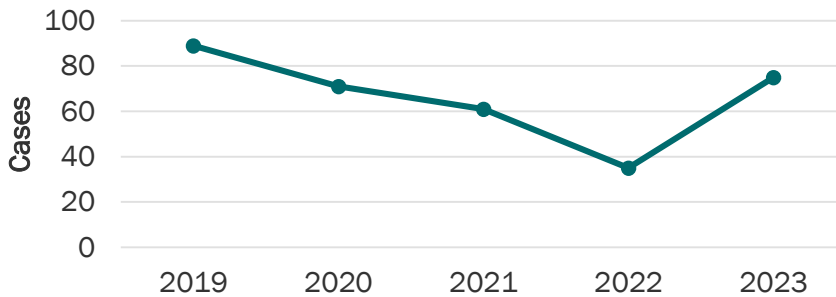




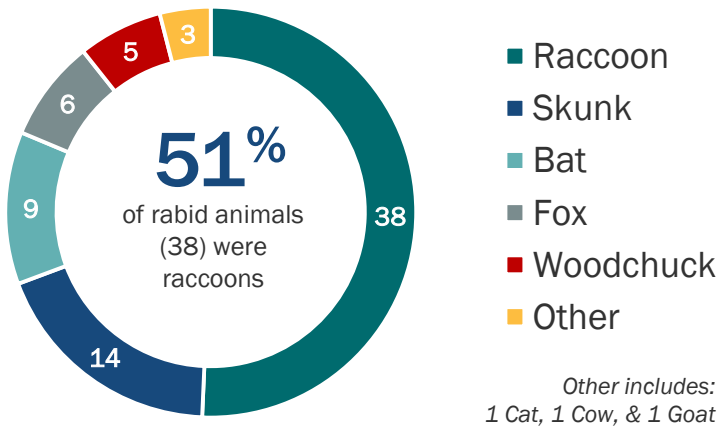
Case Information:

75 Animals tested positive at HETL

114% Increase from 2022



Reported Rabid Animals:



In Maine, lab-confirmed rabid animals were involved* in:

45 domestic animal exposures

13 human exposures

10 domestic animal & human exposures

*Seven animals were not involved in any exposures

Laboratory:

721
animals submitted to
HETL for testing

399
animals submitted July to
September
(55% of total)

226
animals submitted
in August
(31% of total)

681
animals tested

605
negative results

40
animals not tested*

* Reasons include improper packaging, delays in shipment, contamination of the specimen, questionable exposures, etc.

Animal Rabies

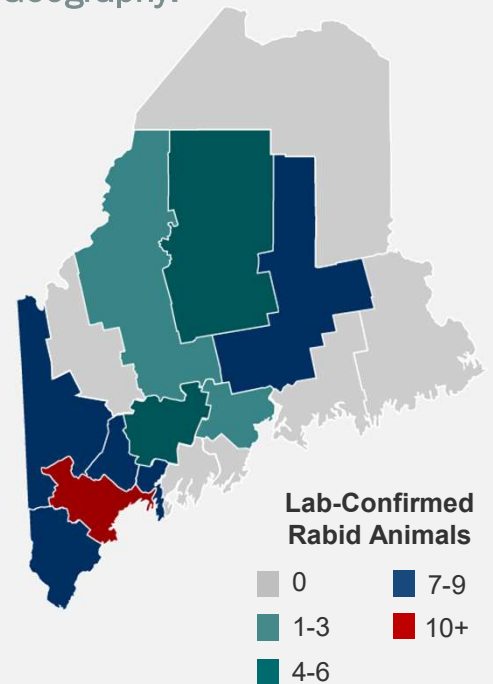
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Animals Tested in 2023:

Bats	Horses
Bears	Muskrats
Bobcats	Opossums
Canada lynx	Porcupines
Cats	Rabbits
Chipmunks	Raccoons
Cows	Sheep
Deer	Skunks
Dogs	Squirrels
Fishers	Weasels
Foxes	Woodchucks
Goats	



Geography:



Trends:

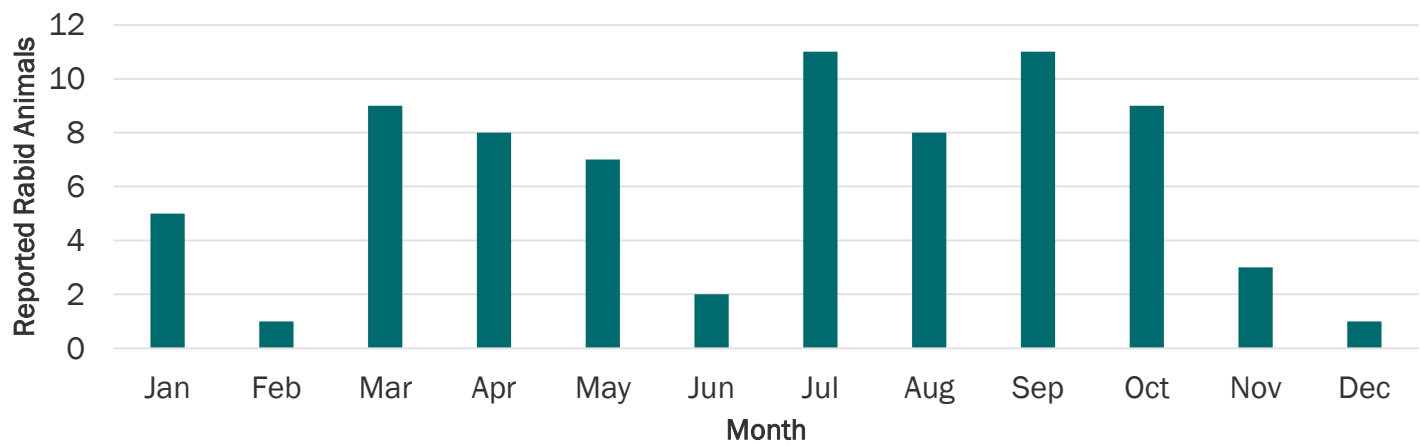
- Total reported cases increased compared to the previous year.
- Cases reported in 10 out of 16 counties.
- Highest number (22) of rabid animals from Cumberland County.

For more information visit:
www.maine.gov/dhhs/rabies
www.cdc.gov/rabies





Monthly Distribution of Rabid Animals:



Human Rabies Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP):

144 Maine residents received rabies PEP

▲ 23% increase from 2022

6 Out-of-state residents received rabies PEP

7% Patients were previously vaccinated for rabies

Demographics:

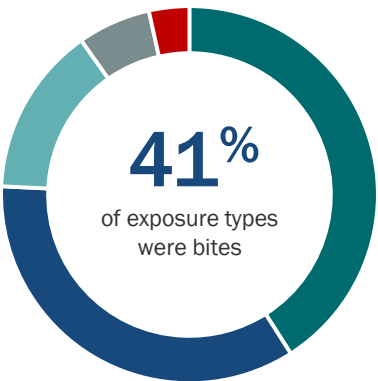


58% of patients were female

Median age of 37
Age range of 5 months-80 years

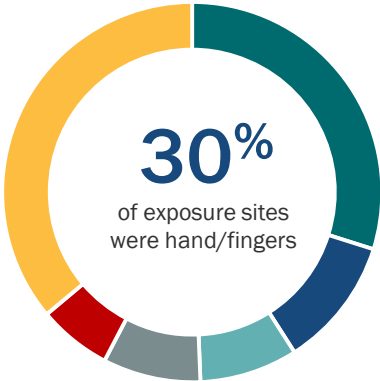
88% of patients were White

Exposure Types



■ Bite
■ Possible bat
■ Other
■ Mucous
■ Scratch

Exposure Sites



■ Hand/Finger
■ Leg/Foot
■ Arm
■ Multiple sites
■ Head/Neck
■ Other

Prevention:

Keep rabies vaccinations up-to-date for all dogs, cats, and ferrets

Feed pets indoors and keep garbage cans and other food sources tightly secured

Avoid contact with wildlife or any animals you do not know

After an animal exposure:

- Clean all wounds with soap and water for 15 minutes
- Call your local Animal Control Officer or Game Warden
- For **human** exposures, contact a healthcare provider
- For **pet & livestock** exposures, contact a veterinarian