

UNDERSTANDING AND IDENTIFYING RABIES

Though rabies cases amongst Canadian pets are very rare, watch out for these scenarios and symptoms to protect your pet

RABIES IS TRANSMITTED THROUGH:



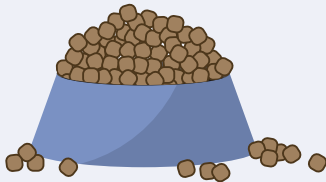
BITES from a RABID ANIMAL

SALIVA, BRAIN OR SPINAL TISSUE

from an **infected animal, dead or alive**, in an open wound, eyes, mouth or nose

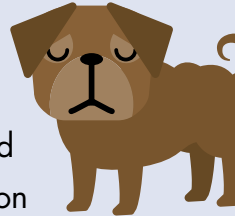
RABIES SYMPTOMS IN PETS*

LOSS OF APPETITE or difficulty eating or drinking



BEHAVIOURAL CHANGE:

More quiet or depressed
Unusually friendly when normally timid
Increased aggression



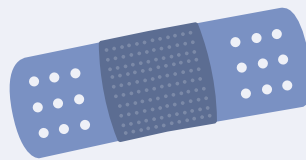
Barking or meowing **DIFFERENTLY**



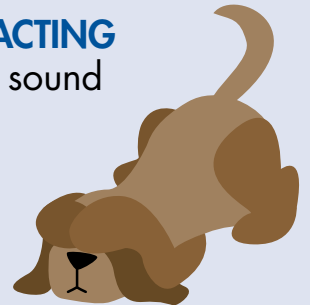
Drooling **EXCESSIVELY**



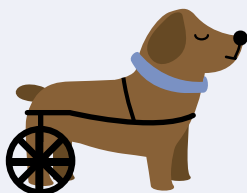
BITING THE SITE OF THE WOUND exposed to rabies



OVERREACTING to touch, sound or light



Becoming partially or completely **PARALYZED**



STAGGERING or **FALLING**



Once a pet shows symptoms, it will usually die within



Rabies vaccination is required by law in Ontario because it can be transmitted between humans and animals. Talk to your vet about how to protect your pet from rabies.