

# RABIES



## AERIAL VACCINE PROGRAM

To help with the prevention and/or spread of wildlife rabies, Six Nations has and will continue taking part in a province wide aerial baiting program.

Exposure to the bait is not harmful to people or pets, however in the unlikely event that you or your pet come into contact with the vaccine contained in the bait contacting a doctor or veterinarian as a precaution is recommended.

### WHAT ARE IN THE BAITS?

There is currently one type of vaccine bait that is used in Ontario for both fox strain and raccoon strain rabies control. These "Ultra-lite" baits contain an oral rabies vaccine (ONRAB), vegetable based fats, wax, icing sugar, vegetable oil, artificial marshmallow flavour and dark-green food grade fat-soluble dye.

### WHEN ARE THE NEXT BAIT DROPS?

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) baiting operations began mid-July and will continue until the end of October. Bait distribution is scheduled during the summer and fall of 2017.

### HOW IS A BAIT DROP DONE?

The distribution of baits is conducted in rural areas by plane with MNR aircraft flying low-level and/or by hand in urban areas by MNR Wildlife Technicians. If found the bait(s) should not be touched, but left for raccoons, skunks and foxes to consume.



## FOR MORE INFORMATION

### SIX NATIONS PUBLIC HEALTH

1769 Chiefswood Road, Ohsweken | P: 519-445-2672

### SIX NATIONS ANIMAL CONTROL

1769 Chiefswood Road, Ohsweken | P: 519-445-2947 After Hours: 519-445-4818

### SIX NATIONS WILDLIFE OFFICE

2676 Fourth Line, Ohsweken | P: 519-445-0330



## PREVENTION & PROTECTION

### WHAT IS RABIES?

Rabies is caused by a virus that can infect any mammal, including humans. Birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish do not get rabies.

Protect your family and pets from rabies:

- Avoid contact with live or dead animals including raccoons, skunks, bats and any unknown dogs or cats.
- Do NOT feed, help or relocate any wildlife or keep them as pets.
- Vaccinate your pets against rabies and keep vaccinations current for dogs and cats, to protect them and help prevent the virus from spread to other animals and people.
- Don't allow your pet to wander freely unsupervised, especially at night.
- Do NOT leave your pet's food outside as it can attract wildlife.
- If you suspect your pet already has rabies put him/her in a safe, remote area and call your veterinarian immediately. Keep the pet away from other people or animals until he/she has been assessed by a professional.
- Report ALL animal bites and scratches to Six Nations Public Health by calling 519-445-2672. Immediately wash all wounds with soap and water OR hand sanitizer if there is no soap and water nearby, and seek medical attention.
- Report sick, injured or strangely behaving wildlife to Six Nations Wildlife by calling 519-445-0330.