

3d. Animal bites & rabies

About 600 people are bitten by dogs in Santa Cruz County each year.

Many others are chomped by other animals, wild or domestic. Because bites may spread rabies, health care providers must report all animal bites to the Animal Services Authority.

Please note that it's highly unlikely that a rodent, squirrel, gopher, or rabbit bite will transmit rabies.

Please fax or mail report of animal bite to:

**Santa Cruz County
 Animal Services
 Authority**

27 Janis Way

(turn east off Scotts Valley Drive onto El Pueblo Road, then first left onto dead-end Janis Way)
 Scotts Valley, CA 95066

454-7210

454-7303

That's for bites.

If you diagnose rabies disease:

**Phone HSA's
 Disease Control Unit
 immediately!**

454-4114 workdays

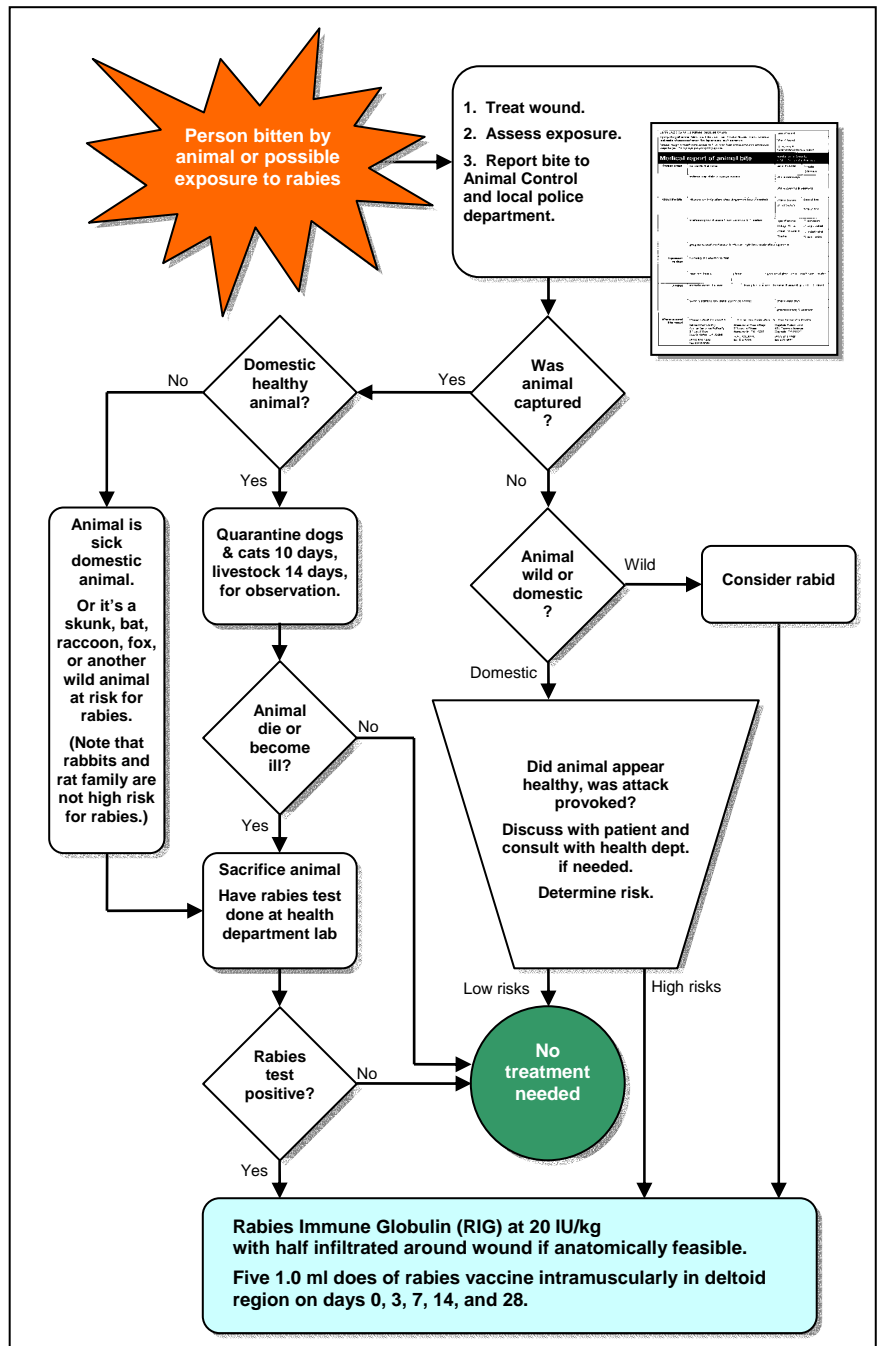
471-1183 hotline
 off hours, weekend, & holidays

See also:

Section 2

Testing animals for rabies
 for information about getting animals tested at the Public Health Lab

Rabies exposure guide



Visual rabies postexposure prophylaxis guide

Flowchart shows general steps to take when your patient has been bitten, or has had non-intact skin or mucous membranes exposed to saliva.