



Rabies

WHAT TO DO IF BITTEN

..BY A WILD ANIMAL

1. Immediately wash the wound with lots of soap and running water.
2. Capture the animal, if possible, so it can be tested. Take care to prevent additional bites or damage to the animal's head.
3. Get medical attention. Call your family doctor or go to the nearest emergency room.
4. Call your county health authority.
5. **DO NOT DELAY SEEKING MEDICAL ADVICE.**
6. If necessary, a dead animal may be kept on ice, double bagged in plastic, until it can be tested. Always wear gloves, use a shovel and clean the area and tools with one part bleach to nine parts water. Keep the dead animal in a protected area away from people and other animals.

..BY A PET DOG OR CAT

1. Immediately wash the wound with lots of soap and running water.
2. Obtain the pet owner's name, address and telephone number.
3. Get medical attention. Call your family doctor or go to the nearest emergency room.
4. Call your county health authority.

Have this information ready:

- Type and description of animal including any features or marks;
- If it was a pet, whether it wore a collar, tags and where it lives;
- How the bite occurred;
- Whether the animal has been seen in the area before and what direction it was traveling.