

REPORTING ANIMAL BITES

MARYLAND LAW

Under Maryland Law, **all animal bites, scratches, or other possible rabies exposures** occurring in Dorchester County must be **IMMEDIATELY** reported to the Dorchester County Environmental Health Office, at **410-228-1167** and by pager 24 hours a day at **410-221-3362**.

Please obtain date, time and location of the incident, victim/owner's name and local phone number/physical address.

If a caller reports that their pet has had contact with a wild animal, they should be instructed to:

1. If possible, safely contain the animal for testing – advise them not to touch the wild animal.
2. Avoid touching their pet with bare hands
(use gloves, if handling is necessary)
3. Isolate the pet from people and other animals and obtain further instructions from the Health Department.

**YOUR ASSISTANCE IS GREATLY APPRECIATED AND WILL
HELP IN THE CONTROL OF RABIES IN
DORCHESTER COUNTY**