

ZOONOTIC AND OTHER ANIMAL DISEASES OF CONCERN IN MARYLAND

Table 1. New or Ongoing Morbidity or Mortality Animal or Zoonotic Disease Events in Maryland

Estimated first onset	Estimated end date	Counties affected	Species affected	Diagnosis	Estimated # of cases to date	Lead agency	Comment

For questions regarding specific disease events, please contact the lead agency noted. This contact information is for use by Maryland veterinarians and health professionals:

- MDA - Maryland Department of Agriculture: ahops@mda.state.md.us, 410-841-5810
- DHMH - Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Center for Zoonotic and Vector-borne Diseases: czvbd@dhmh.state.md.us, 410-767-5649
- DNR - Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Fish & Wildlife Health Program, FWHP@dnr.state.md.us, 410-226-5193

Thank You for Your Feedback! MOHB Evaluation Results

After nine months of publication, MOHB recipients were asked to provide feedback on the format and usefulness of the MOHB and suggest ways to improve it. In total, 93 survey responses were received, the majority of which represented public health practice (45%), followed by clinical veterinary practice (35%) and public or corporate veterinary practice (15%). Overall, the MOHB is considered a useful resource by respondents, regardless of profession. The agency contact information and links to additional disease reports and surveillance are viewed favorably. Although many respondents indicated that they do not refer to the contents in their daily professional activities, some recipients noted that it is a useful reference and that it gives them a good sense of zoonotic disease events happening in the state as a whole. Eleven (6%) respondents suggested monthly distribution instead of bi-weekly distribution.

This evaluation suggests that the MOHB is well received by Maryland veterinarians and public health and animal health partners, and that it thereby contributes to achieving One Health in Maryland. Based on this evaluation, we have determined to continue publication of the MOHB, and will move to a monthly distribution schedule.

Rabies – Final Summary Statistics for 2011

In 2011, 305 Maryland animals were confirmed rabid, comprising 169 (55%) raccoons, 58 (19%) bats, 27 (9%) foxes, 23 (8%) skunks, 17 (6%) cats, 6 (2%) groundhogs, 3 (<1%) dogs, and 2 (<1%) cows. This is the smallest number of confirmed rabid animals in Maryland since the raccoon rabies virus variant became endemic in the state in the early 1980s. The proportion of confirmed rabid domestic animals (7.2%) is similar to that noted in previous years; however, to have as many as 3 rabid dogs detected in Maryland is unusual. Please visit <http://ideha.dhmh.maryland.gov/OIDEOR/CZVBD/SitePages/Lab-confirmed-Rabies.aspx> for complete 2011 and historical rabies data.

To report cases of disease in:	Contact:
Domestic animals	MDA Animal Health Program Office 410-841-5810 www.mda.state.md.us/animal_health/diseases/reportable.php
Wild animals	MD DNR / USDA Wildlife Service Call Center 1-877-463-6497 http://www.whmn.org/wher/
Humans	DHMH Center for Zoonotic and Vector-borne Diseases 410-767-5649 http://www.edcp.org/html/case_reports.cfm

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Table 2. New (confirmed within the last week) and Cumulative Rabies Cases, Week Ending January 21, 2012

Jurisdiction	Bat Total (New)	Cat Total (New)	Cow Total (New)	Dog Total (New)	Fox Total (New)	Groundhog Total (New)	Raccoon Total (New)	Skunk Total (New)	Other Total (New)	Total (New)
Allegany										0
Anne Arundel										0
Baltimore										0
Baltimore City										0
Calvert										0
Caroline										0
Carroll										0
Cecil								1		1
Charles										0
Dorchester										0
Frederick							1			1
Garrett										0
Harford							1			1
Howard										0
Kent										0
Montgomery							2			2
Prince George's										0
Queen Anne's							1			1
Somerset							1			1
St. Mary's										0
Talbot										0
Washington							1			1
Wicomico										0
Worcester										0
Total (New)	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	1	0	8

For complete animal rabies and other human zoonotic and vector-borne disease case counts, please visit:

<http://ideha.dhmh.maryland.gov/OIDEOR/CZVBD/SitePages/Home.aspx>

To review additional disease reports:

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Weekly Biosurveillance Report:

<http://preparedness.dhmh.maryland.gov/Pages/Programs/Biosurveillance>

National Wildlife Health Center New and Ongoing Wildlife Mortality Events Nationwide:

http://www.nwhc.usgs.gov/mortality_events?ongoing.jsp

U.S. Livestock and Poultry Disease Events and Trends:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Weekly Influenza Report:

<http://www.marylandfluwatch.org/>