

West Virginia Animal Rabies Surveillance Report



JANUARY 1 – OCTOBER 1, 2025

The purpose of this report is to share descriptive surveillance data related to animal rabies activity with public health partners in West Virginia. All information in this report is considered provisional. For questions or comments, please contact either Eric Dotseth or Michael Abshire at (304) 558-5358 or by email.

Office of Laboratory Services (OLS) and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Data:

During the period of January 1 to October 1, 2025, 18 animals tested positive for rabies at OLS. USDA has had one rabies positive animal in 2025 (raccoons from Monongalia County), but their data is only accurate up to August 31, 2025 (Tables 1 and 2).

Species	Total
Bat	3
Cat	2
Fox	3
Raccoon	6
Sheep	1
Skunk	4
Total	19

Table 1. Rabies positives by species.

County	Total
Berkeley	2
Grant	3
Hardy	1
Jefferson	1
Kanawha	1
Mineral	1
Monongalia	2
Monroe	3
Nicholas	1
Pendleton	1
Preston	2
Taylor	1
Total	19

Table 2. Rabies positives by county.

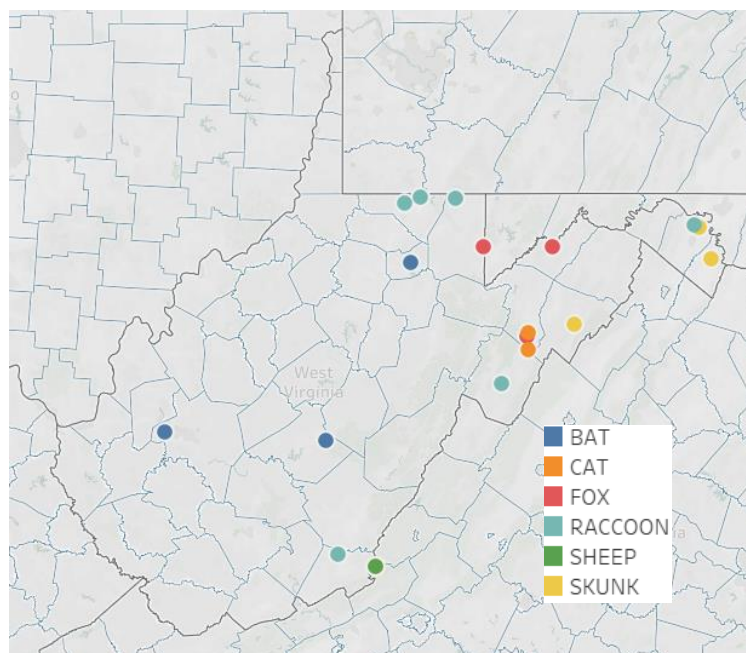


Figure 1. Map of rabies positive animals tested at OLS and USDA through 10/1/25.