

West Virginia Animal Rabies Surveillance Report



JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 15, 2023

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 Michael Abshire, Kim Dailey, or Eric Dotseth 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 December 15, 2023, 35 animals tested positive for rabies at OLS and 9 (all raccoons) tested rabies positive at USDA (Tables 1 and 2). The USDA data is only complete up to October 31, 2023. We also have 2 positive whitetail deer (one each from Hampshire and Jefferson) sent by WVDNR.

Species	Total
Cat	5
Bat	6
Raccoon	25
Deer	2
Dog	1
Fox	2
Skunk	5
Total	46

Table 1. Rabies positives by species.

County	Total
Berkeley	3
Fayette	1
Grant	1
Greenbrier	4
Hampshire	4
Hardy	2
Jefferson	3
Marion	1
Mineral	4
Monongalia	4
Monroe	4
Morgan	3
Pendleton	4
Pocahontas	1
Preston	1
Randolph	2
Summers	2
Tucker	2
Total	46

Table 2. Rabies positives by county.

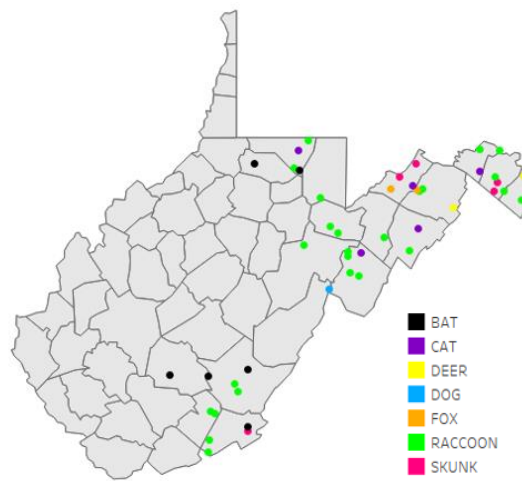


Figure 1. Map of rabies positive animals tested at OLS, USDA, and DNR through 12/15.