West Virginia Animal Rabies Surveillance Report

JANUARY 1 – SEPTEMBER 13, 2024

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, Bianca Huff 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 September 13, 2024, 22 animals tested positive for rabies at OLS. USDA has had two rabies positive animals in 2024 (both raccoons from Preston County), but their data is only accurate up to August 31, 2024 (Tables 1 and 2).

Species	Total
Bat	2
Cat	9
Fox	1
Groundhog	1
Otter	1
Raccoon	6
Skunk	4
Total	**24**

Table 1. Rabies positives by species.

County	Total
Berkeley	3
Grant	3
Greenbrier	2
Hampshire	3
Hardy	1
Jefferson	4
Monroe	2
Preston	3
Raleigh	2
Taylor	1
Total	**24**

Table 2. Rabies positives by county.

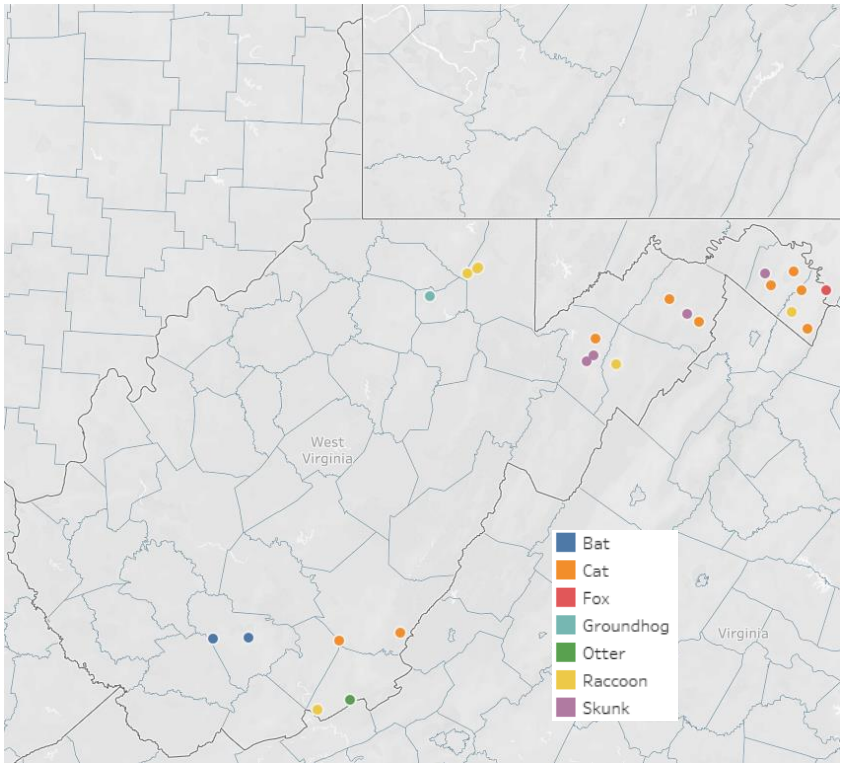

Figure 1. Map of rabies positive animals tested at OLS and USDA through 9/13/24.