

West Virginia Animal Rabies Surveillance Report

JANUARY 1 – AUGUST 31, 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, ext. 2.

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

During the period of January 1 to August 31, 2023, 26 animals tested positive for rabies at OLS and 7 (all raccoons) tested rabies positive at USDA (Tables 1 and 2). The USDA data is only complete up to July 31, 2023.

Species	Total
Cat	5
Bat	2
Raccoon	22
Dog	1
Fox	2
Skunk	1
Total	33

Table 1. Rabies positives by species.

County	Total
Berkeley	1
Grant	1
Greenbrier	3
Hampshire	3
Hardy	2
Jefferson	1
Mineral	3
Monongalia	3
Monroe	2
Morgan	3
Pendleton	3
Pocahontas	1
Preston	1
Randolph	2
Summers	2
Tucker	2
Total	33

Table 2. Rabies positives by county.

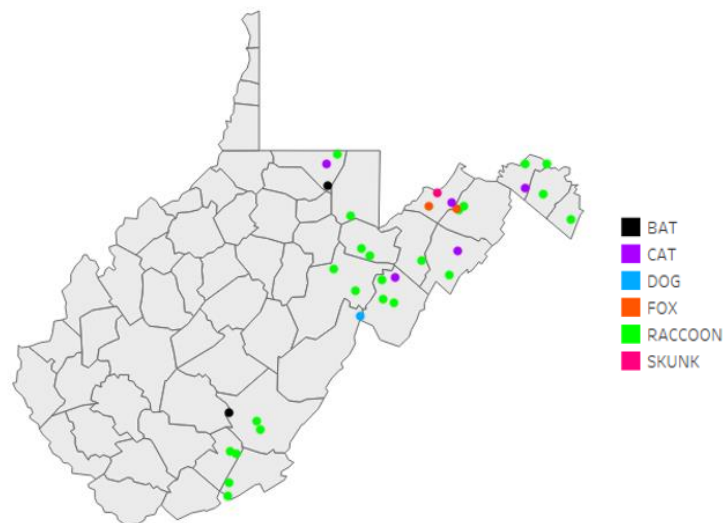


Figure 1. Map of rabies positive animals tested at OLS and USDA.