Rabies PSA

Animal bites are no joke! Here in Missouri, the Zoonotic Disease Program tested over 2,000 animals for the year 2022, with 26 positive cases recorded, two of them cats. Please remember the following information to protect yourself, your family, and your pets:

* Rabies is a rare virus spread in mammals which can infect humans.
* Leave wild animals alone, including domestic species.
* Have your pets vaccinated. Talk to your local veterinarian today for more information.
* If you or someone you know has encountered a mammal and were bitten or scratched, please seek medical care immediately.
* Make sure to keep the wound clean to prevent further infection.

We as Missourians have a responsibility to ourselves and our community to work together and keep rabies transmission low. Please visit CDC.gov or health.mo.gov for more information and resources.

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