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## Rabies: Types, Symptoms & Causes

Rabies can be prevented by vaccinating pets, staying away from wildlife, and seeking medical care after potential exposures before symptoms start. Hundreds of thousands of animals undergo tests and observation. It from 3 to 12 weeks, but it can take as little as 5 days or more than 2 years.

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Rabies is both prevented and treated with a rabies vaccine. Last medically reviewed on October 19, 2015.

### Rabies: Symptoms, causes, treatment, and prevention

If you have been bitten by a wild animal, doctors will typically administer a preventive shot of rabies vaccine to stop the infection before symptoms set in. If you experience any moderate to severe side effects, call your doctor right away. Rabies is a fatal but preventable viral disease.

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Determining whether the animal that bit you has rabies In some cases, it's possible to determine whether the animal that bit you has rabies before beginning the series of rabies shots. This group includes people whose activities bring them in frequent contact with animals that could be rabid.

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