SOUTH CAROLINA RABIES SUMMARY

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control
Healthy People. Healthy Communities.
Specific virus strains are associated with different animal species.

**Continental US Variants:**
- Raccoon
- Bat
- Skunk
- Fox
Types of Rabies

1. **Furious (Aggressive) Rabies:** agitated, irritable, unpredictable, viciously aggressive

2. **Paralytic (Dumb) Rabies:** inability to swallow, salivation, drooping of lower jaw, paralysis, coma, stumbling

It is impossible to tell if an animal has rabies! Even without the presence of symptoms an animal can transmit the virus to others.
Rabid Bats in South Carolina 2010-2016

- South Carolina's last human rabies death occurred in 2011
- Bat exposure
- DHEC only notified when victim was presenting symptoms at hospital
Raccoon 50%
Skunk 19%
Fox 15%
Bat 8%
Cat 5%
Dog 2%
Other 1%

2010–2015 Rabies
Confirmed Rabid Animals in South Carolina - 2016

- 43 Raccoons
- 18 Skunks
- 11 Foxes
- 10 Bats
- 6 Cats
- 4 Dogs
- 1 Horse
- 1 Deer
GIS Mapping
Positives by County & Species

• Updated on a monthly basis

• Data listed from: 2010-2016
  • [https://gis.dhec.sc.gov/rabies/](https://gis.dhec.sc.gov/rabies/)
NOTABLE MENTIONS?

- Anderson Alpaca
- Orangeburg Deer
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