



Rabies in Colorado, 2017

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Rabies is regularly found among wildlife (especially skunks) in Colorado, even in urban areas. We monitor wildlife and test animals showing signs of rabies to determine how far the disease has spread among skunks.

Rabies is a serious threat to humans and animals. Our lab-based monitoring helps us prevent cases in people and control the spread of rabies in animals, decide what treatment to use when humans have been exposed, figure out how to manage animals that might have been exposed, and add to the science of the disease.

So far in 2017, 165 animals from Colorado have tested positive for rabies. Of those, 115 rabid animals were known or strongly suspected of exposing 237 domestic pets, 199 livestock animals, and 63 people.

Lab-confirmed, rabies positive animals by county, Colorado, 2017

County	Bat	Skunk	Other wildlife	Domestic	Total
Adams	3	2			5
Arapahoe	5	5			10
Archuleta	1				1
Baca			1 (coyote)		1
Broomfield	1	2			3
Boulder	6	1			7
Cheyenne		2			2
Denver	7	12	1 (raccoon)		20
Douglas	1				1
Elbert	1	6	1 (fox)		8
El Paso	7	21			28
Garfield	1				1
Jefferson	8	20			28
La Plata		3			3
Larimer	7	1			8
Las Animas	1	1			2
Lincoln			1 (fox)		1
Logan	1	2			3
Mesa	3				3
Morgan		3	1 (fox)		4
Pueblo	8				8
Saguache	2				2
Weld		12	2 (fox)	1 (dog)	15
Yuma				1 (dog)	1
Total	63	93	7	2	165

Lab-confirmed, rabies positive animals, Colorado, Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2017

