

McHenry County Animal Control & Adoption Center: Wildlife:

Bats can carry rabies and can transmit rabies to both humans and pets. Bats are crucial for ecological stability, but can pose a risk to public health if not dealt with correctly. If you have been exposed to a bat in your dwelling, report it to MCAC. For more information on bats as a vector (carrier) for disease, visit www.cdc.gov/rabies/.

MCAC will respond to calls where wildlife are seriously injured or pose an immediate threat to public safety/health. We do not respond to wildlife nuisance problems, such as skunks residing under your porch or other wildlife residing in your windowsills. To mediate these problems, visit <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/wildlife/> for more information and further directions. Neither MCAC nor the McHenry County Department of Health have legal permission to deal with wildlife unless they pose serious threat or are sick/injured.

For farm animals, equine, licensed breeders, or retail pet stores, call the Illinois Department of Agriculture at 217.524.6858, or visit <https://www.agr.state.il.us/>.

Resources:

[Reported Cases of Rabies in Bats, by County, 2014](#)

[Cases of Rabies Among Wildlife in the United States, by Year and Species, 1983 to 2014](#)