

Rabies and Bite Reporting FAQ

What needs to be reported to VPH?

These incidents are legally reportable to us:

- Animal bites to humans (except bites from squirrels, rabbits, rodents, birds, reptiles)
- Domestic animal bitten by wild mammal
- Bat exposures to humans/animals – potential or confirmed
- Animals suspected of being rabid

What is the best way to get in touch with VPH/ask questions/submit reports/ask for quarantine releases?

- Call us at 213-288-7060 to speak to someone in person M-F, 8am-5pm. Or email us at vet@ph.lacounty.gov.
- Emails sent directly to one inspector or veterinarian may not be answered if that person is not in the office.

Where can I find copies of the reporting forms?

- Blank forms are found inside this binder and are also available on our website at: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/vet/Forms.htm>

Who is responsible for reporting bites?

The law says that anyone with knowledge of a bite should report it.