

## ANIMAL INCIDENTS/NUISANCE WILDLIFE

Any direct physical contact with an unknown animal, especially if it results in a bite or scratch, could have serious health consequences. In fact, wild animals - alive or dead - can spread disease and may pose potential physical hazards. Contact includes exposure of a person's eyes, nose, mouth and non-intact skin (cut, scratched, burned, etc...) to animal blood or saliva. It also includes a bite, scratch or kick from a wild animal.

### Notification Procedures:

**RUPD** (New Brunswick 732-932-7111, Newark 973-353-5111 or 973-972-4491, Camden 856-225-6111):

- In the event of an injury or any other physical contact with an unknown or wild animal
- If an animal is showing aggression or unusual behavior.
- If you had any bat exposure or encounter.
- When an animal is injured or inside a non-residential building after normal work hours

**Student Health or Occupational Health** (New Brunswick 848-932-7402, Newark 973-353-5231, Camden 856-225-6005, Occupational Health 848-932-8254):

- In the event of an injury or any other physical contact with an unknown or wild animal
- Any bat encounters

**Facilities** (New Brunswick 848-445-1234, HSC-N 973-972-5400, Newark 973-353-5441, Camden 856-225-6000): When an animal is injured or found inside a non-residential building during normal work hours (Monday - Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm)

**Housing** (New Brunswick 848-932-1001, HSC-N 973-972-5400, Newark 973-353-1037, Camden 856-225-6471): When an animal is injured or found inside a residential building during normal work hours (Monday - Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm)

**Bat Exposure:** If you think you have been in any of following situations, call Student Health or Occupational Health.

- Being bitten by a bat
- Sleeping individuals awakening to find a bat in the same room, (not just in the house)
- Young children playing alone and unobserved in a room with a bat
- Incapacitated individuals (including intoxicated individuals) with one of these types of exposure

**The following tips can help prevent people from being injured, or to minimize the injury, by an animal and/or other wildlife:**

- DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REMOVE OR DISTURB THE ANIMAL OR WILDLIFE!
- Do not come into contact with it. Tell others to vacate the area if a dangerous animal may still be nearby.
- Be prepared to give your name, location and if possible, the species or type of animal/wildlife involved. Keep track of names and contact information for anyone else that may have been exposed to the animal.
- If a wild animal, such as a bat or a raccoon, is inside of a building, try to isolate it in a room by closing doors behind it and keeping others away.