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Have you seen these?

These are oral rabies vaccination baits. They are being distributed in your area by fixed-wing aircraft, helicopters, and ground personnel to vaccinate raccoons against rabies. The vaccine in these baits cannot cause rabies and has been shown to be safe in numerous species of animals, including cats and dogs.

If you find a bait, please leave it alone unless it is on your lawn, driveway, or some other area not likely to attract a raccoon. While wearing a glove or other protective covering (e.g., plastic bag, paper towel), move the bait to an area of thicker cover, where a raccoon will be more likely to find it.

If you should pick up a bait without wearing a glove, wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water. Also, do not handle partially eaten or damaged baits with bare hands. Damaged baits should be placed in a bag and disposed of with normal trash. Trying to remove a bait from a pet's mouth (especially a dog's mouth) could result in injury.

If you have any questions, go to the National Rabies Management Program website at www.aphis.usda.gov/wildlife-damage/rabies or call the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Wildlife Services toll-free at **1-866-4-USDA-WS**.

**If you see a wild animal:**

- Stay away and keep children away.
- Keep pets indoors.

If you are bitten by an animal, wild or domestic:

- Immediately wash the wound with lots of soap and water.
- Call your doctor or local health department.
- If it's domestic, get the name and address of the animal's owner.
- If it's wild, contact a professional trapper to confine the animal. You could be further injured if you try to capture or confine the animal yourself.
- If it's dead, call your local health department or USDA Wildlife Services (1-866-4-USDA-WS) for further instructions.

- If the animal needs to be picked up for testing, wear gloves or use a shovel to place the carcass into a heavy plastic bag. Secure it in a cold place away from people and other animals.

To prevent rabies and unwanted animal encounters:

- Don't feed, touch, or adopt wild animals or stray dogs or cats.
- Vaccinate your dogs, cats, and ferrets against rabies.
- Keep garbage secure in an enclosed trash can.
- Feed pets indoors.
- If you must feed pets outdoors, remove all food right away when they are done eating.
- Teach children to appreciate wildlife from a distance.

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