

**TITLE:** Rabid Cat of Lane County

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**TOPIC/TARGET AUDIENCE:** Environmental Health, Communicable Disease, Vector-borne, zoonotic diseases.

**ABSTRACT:** a. Intro/Purpose:

An unvaccinated domestic cat attacked a vet tech, veterinarian, and owner causing rabies exposure. A number of good lessons learned at the PH department dealing with veterinary offices, animal control, and the public.

b. Methodology

We followed the algorithm for preventing rabies exposures and State Epi veterinary direction. Provided information and access to prophylaxis and vaccination for exposure individuals and tracked in Orpheus, created press releases and focused on the promotion of pet vaccination and education on bat exposure.

c. Conclusion

Good learning lesson on the veterinary aspect of rabies exposures and procedures. Good practice on tracking and providing information on prophylaxis and vaccination. Good learning lesson on press releases following a high profile exposure.

**OBJECTIVE(S):** a. Participants will have a better idea of what a rabid domestic animal can do to a human.

b. The importance of coordination between public health, animal control, animal owners, and veterinary clinics.

c. How to educate the public without scaring them when dealing with a rabid animal-human exposure case.

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