

REPORTED ANIMAL BITES IN MARYLAND, 2011



MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE
PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION ADMINISTRATION
CENTER FOR ZOO NOTIC AND VECTOR-BORNE DISEASES



Animal bite reporting in Maryland

In Maryland, animal bites are reportable (Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 10.06.02.05, Reporting Bite or Non-Bite Contacts to Humans). Any person having knowledge of a bite to an individual by an animal shall report the facts of the contact to the local health department, the local animal control authority, or a law enforcement agency. Bite reporting is required to ensure that individuals who are potentially exposed to rabies (a fatal viral encephalitis) via a bite from an infected mammal are adequately assessed for risk and receive appropriate preventive prophylaxis if indicated.

The local health department reports on a monthly basis to the State Public Health Veterinarian at the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene the aggregate number of bites by the species that inflicted the bite. No data are provided regarding the breed of dog, cat or other species inflicting the bite, nor are data surrounding the circumstances of the bite collected.

For questions regarding these data, please contact the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Center for Zoonotic and Vector-borne Diseases at 410-767-5649.

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Jurisdiction	Dog	Cat	Ferret	Bat	Raccoon	Fox	Skunk	Groundhog	Squirrel	Rabbit	Mouse	Hamster	Gerbil	Rat	GuineaPig	Opossum	Pony	Horse	Other	Total
Allegany	142	46	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	190
Anne Arundel	861	380	1	16	6	3	0	1	9	4	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	6	1292
Baltimore	1253	457	1	26	19	2	0	9	19	1	7	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	7	1806
Baltimore City	690	306	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1004
Calvert	221	67	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	295
Caroline	66	18	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	87
Carroll	221	95	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	1	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	329
Cecil	213	54	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	3	278
Charles	214	80	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	298
Dorchester	75	49	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	127
Frederick	290	146	2	2	3	1	0	4	3	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	4	461
Garrett	66	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	84
Harford	405	169	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	579
Howard	281	92	1	6	4	1	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	392
Kent	41	10	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54
Montgomery	569	171	0	7	4	2	0	1	2	1	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	2	768
Prince George's	525	128	0	4	3	2	0	0	4	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	8	681
Queen Anne's	121	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	151
Saint Mary's	212	51	0	2	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	270
Somerset	34	24	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62
Talbot	61	28	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	93
Washington	216	116	0	16	2	0	1	0	2	1	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	4	363
Wicomico	246	93	1	0	3	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	2	354
Worcester	143	45	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	192
Total 2011	7166	2670	7	89	54	16	3	17	52	18	24	8	2	23	4	2	0	13	42	10210