



RABIES WARNING!!

Rabies activity has been reported in the Morristown area. A horse from the Morristown area near the Hassayampa River, south of Wickenburg tested positive for RABIES in late December 2008. The horse most likely contracted rabies from a fox or a skunk. To protect yourself and family, please take the following precautions:

- 1) **Vaccinate your pets for rabies!** Pet dogs & cats should be up-to-date on rabies vaccinations & dogs should be wearing current license tags on their collar. For information on rabies vaccination for your pets, please call your local veterinarian or Maricopa County Animal Control at 602-506-PETS.
- 2) **Discuss rabies vaccination of your horse with your local veterinarian.**
- 3) **Keep pets on a leash when outside a fenced yard!**
- 4) **Enjoy wildlife from a distance!** Do not attempt to feed, approach, or touch wild animals. Do NOT shoot healthy appearing animals merely due to this warning. If you see a wild mammal acting abnormally* in this area, report it to Arizona Game & Fish Department officials at 1-800-352-0700. Hunters should wear rubber gloves when skinning any wild animal, even if the animal appears healthy.
- 5) **Do NOT trap and relocate skunks!** Doing so spreads rabies to other areas.
- 6) If you or a loved-one is bitten by an animal, wash the exposed site immediately with soap and water and seek medical care. Be sure to report the bite to local animal control or public health officials. If such a bite occurs within city limits, call Wickenburg Police Department Animal Control at 928-684-5411.

*Note: **Rabid animals may show no fear of people and may even seem friendly.** Rabid bats typically fall to the ground where they become accessible to kids and pets. For more information about rabies, call Maricopa County Department of Public Health at 602-506-6767 or the Arizona Department of Health Services at (602) 364-4562, or visit our website at www.azdhs.gov.