

## Second rabies-positive bat discovered in Salinas neighborhood

### Description

A second bat has tested positive for **rabies** in the Toro Park area, marking the second case in three months. The latest case was reported on June 7 near Portola and Anza Drive in an **unincorporated** area of Monterey County. Initially, it was thought the bat was located in Toro County Park, but it was actually found in a neighborhood near the park. The first case occurred on April 2 near Salinas, where an owned pet was **exposed** to an infected bat.

Officials from the Hitchcock Road Animal Services have confirmed that there was no **exposure** to humans or pets in either case. The County of Monterey Public Health **Bureau** and Animal Services are reminding residents of the continuous presence of **rabies** in local wildlife, with skunks and bats being the most common carriers of the virus.

Pet owners are advised to keep their animals up to date on **rabies vaccinations** and should be cautious about leaving pets unattended, especially during dawn and dusk when wildlife is most active. Owners of **livestock** such as horses, sheep, goats, pigs, and cattle are also encouraged to discuss **rabies vaccinations** with their veterinarians.

Residents are urged to avoid leaving pet food and water outside to prevent wildlife activity around homes. If any wild animals are found dead, acting strangely, or if there is a suspicion of exposure to **rabies**, individuals should contact Monterey County Animal Services or their local animal control **agency**. For more information on the **rabies** virus, residents can call the County of Monterey Health Department's **Communicable** Disease Unit or visit their website.

### Vocabulary Insights

1. **Rabies** /?re?bi?z/ (noun): A contagious and fatal viral disease of dogs and other mammals that causes madness and convulsions, transmissible through the saliva to humans.
2. **Unincorporated** /??n?n?k??rp??re?t?d/ (adjective): Not included as part of a city or town; not governed by its own local municipal corporation.
3. **Exposure** /?k?spo??r/ (noun): The state of being exposed to contact with something.
4. **Bureau** /?bj??ro?/ (noun): An office or department for transacting particular business.
5. **Vaccinations** /?væks??ne??nz/ (noun): The administration of a vaccine to help the immune system develop protection from a disease.
6. **Livestock** /?la?v?st?k/ (noun): Farm animals regarded as an asset.
7. **Communicable** /k??mju?n?k?bl/ (adjective): Able to be transmitted from one sufferer to another; contagious or infectious.
8. **Agency** /?e?d??nsi/ (noun): A business or organization established to provide a particular service.

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## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. Where was the latest case of rabies reported?

Option: Toro County Park  
Option: Portola and Anza Drive  
Option: Salinas  
Option: Hitchcock Road

2. What are the most common carriers of the rabies virus according to officials?

Option: Dogs and cats  
Option: Skunks and bats  
Option: Squirrels and raccoons  
Option: Birds and rabbits

3. When are pet owners advised to be cautious about leaving pets unattended?

Option: Midnight to sunrise  
Option: Dawn and dusk  
Option: Afternoon to evening  
Option: Anytime of the day

4. Which agency should individuals contact if there is a suspicion of rabies exposure?

- Option: Local police department
- Option: Monterey County Animal Services
- Option: Center for Disease Control and Prevention
- Option: California Department of Public Health

5. What are residents urged to avoid leaving outside to prevent wildlife activity?

- Option: Trash bins
- Option: Pet toys
- Option: Food and water for pets
- Option: Bird feeders

6. Where can residents find more information on the rabies virus?

- Option: City Hall
- Option: Local library
- Option: County of Monterey Health Department's Communicable Disease Unit
- Option: Local pet store

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Portola and Anza Drive 2. Skunks and bats 3. Dawn and dusk 4. Monterey County Animal Services 5. Food and water for pets 6. County of Monterey Health Department's Communicable Disease Unit

## Vocabulary quizzes

**Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )**

1. Which disease is transmitted through the saliva of infected animals?

- Option: Rabies
- Option: Avian influenza
- Option: Lyme disease
- Option: Muscle mass

2. What is a preventive measure taken to boost immunity against specific diseases?

- Option: Vaccinations
- Option: Transmission
- Option: Unincorporated
- Option: Contaminated

3. Which term refers to the frequency of deaths within a specific population?

Option: Precautionary  
Option: Mortality rate  
Option: Cognitive  
Option: Impact

4. How is an infectious disease passed from one individual to another?

Option: Determine  
Option: Rabies  
Option: Transmission  
Option: Antidepressant

5. What term describes the ability to move or be moved freely and easily?

Option: Mobility  
Option: Infection  
Option: Surgeon General  
Option: Accountability

6. Who is the leading spokesperson on matters of public health in the United States?

Option: Proactive measures  
Option: Mobility  
Option: Surgeon General  
Option: Rabies

7. What type of measures are taken in advance to prevent possible harm?

Option: Antidepressant  
Option: Precautionary  
Option: Infectious  
Option: Lyme disease

8. What term describes something that has been infected with harmful substances?

Option: Avian influenza  
Option: Contaminated  
Option: Bureau  
Option: Ultimate

9. What is the invasion and multiplication of microorganisms in body tissues?

Option: Infection  
Option: Categorize  
Option: Vigilance  
Option: Exposure

10. What term describes the sudden increase in the occurrences of a disease in a specific time and place?

Option: Outbreak



Option: Surgical masks

Option: Equine

Option: Vigilance

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. \_\_\_\_\_ to a contaminated environment can lead to the spread of infectious diseases.

12. Patients with depression may be prescribed \_\_\_\_\_ medications to manage their symptoms.

13. Medical advancements have helped to \_\_\_\_\_ the treatment of many illnesses.

14. Healthcare professionals have a responsibility to uphold high standards of \_\_\_\_\_.

15. Ticks carrying the bacteria that causes \_\_\_\_\_ can transmit the disease to humans through bites.

16. Proper nutrition is essential for maintaining good \_\_\_\_\_ function.

17. Public health officials emphasize the importance of maintaining \_\_\_\_\_ during disease outbreaks.

18. Regular exercise can help increase \_\_\_\_\_ and overall strength.

19. The \_\_\_\_\_ goal of vaccination campaigns is to achieve herd immunity.

20. Maintaining joint flexibility is important for overall \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. Farm animals such as cattle and poultry raised for food or other agricultural purposes.

22. An administrative unit or office typically in government or large organizations.

23. A type of influenza virus that primarily infects birds but can also affect humans and other animals.

24. To ascertain or establish exactly by research or calculation.

25. Alert attention watchfulness or caution especially in detecting and preventing danger.

26. Steps taken to prevent or control a situation before it happens.

27. To ascertain or establish exactly by research or calculation.

28. To change something radically or significantly in a positive way.

29. To arrange or classify things according to determined criteria.

30. The effect or influence of one person thing or action on another.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Rabies 2. Vaccinations 3. Mortality rate 4. Transmission 5. Mobility 6. Surgeon General 7. Precautionary 8. Contaminated 9. Infection 10. Outbreak

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Exposure 12. Antidepressant 13. Revolutionize 14. Accountability 15. Lyme disease 16. Cognitive 17. Vigilance 18. Muscle mass 19. Ultimate 20. Mobility

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