

Woman unloading groceries in Atmore attacked by rabid fox

Description

The Alabama Department of Public Health has issued a public warning after a rabid fox bit a woman in Atmore. The incident occurred as the woman was unloading groceries from her vehicle and was suddenly attacked by the fox. The fox was later confirmed to have rabies after being tested at the Alabama Department of Public Health Bureau of Clinical Laboratories. Rabies is a viral disease that can be fatal if left untreated.

Dr. Dee W. Jones, State Public Health veterinarian, emphasized the importance of vaccinating domestic animals against rabies to reduce the risk of infection. Alabama state law mandates that dogs, cats, and ferrets 12 weeks of age and older must have current rabies vaccinations. Horses and other livestock can also be vaccinated if recommended by a veterinarian.

To prevent possible exposure to rabies, residents are advised to keep pets confined, avoid leaving pet food outside, refrain from feeding or keeping wildlife as pets, and avoid approaching animals behaving strangely. Parents are also cautioned to educate children about avoiding contact with stray or wild animals.

It is crucial for the community to be vigilant and take necessary precautions to protect against rabies. Vaccination and responsible pet ownership are key in preventing the spread of this deadly disease.

Vocabulary List:

- Rabies** /'reɪ.bi:z/ (noun): A viral disease that can be fatal if left untreated often transmitted through animal bites.
- Vaccinating** /'væk.sɪ.nɪ.tɪŋ/ (verb): Administering a vaccine to an individual to provide immunity against a disease.
- Veterinarian** /,vɛt.ər.ɪ'nær.i.ən/ (noun): A person qualified to treat diseased or injured animals.
- Incident** /'ɪn.sɪ.dənt/ (noun): An event or occurrence typically one that is unusual or noteworthy.
- Confined** /kən'faɪnd/ (adjective): Restricted in area or volume; cramped.
- Precautions** /prɪ'kɔ:.ʃənz/ (noun): Measures taken in advance to prevent harm or danger.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice



1. What type of animal attacked the woman in Atmore?

- Option: Rabid raccoon
- Option: Rabid fox
- Option: Rabid squirrel
- Option: Rabid bear

2. How was the rabid fox confirmed to have rabies?

- Option: Through a blood test
- Option: Through a urine test
- Option: Through a saliva test
- Option: Through a test at the Bureau of Clinical Laboratories

3. What can happen if rabies is left untreated?

- Option: It causes a skin rash
- Option: It leads to heart disease
- Option: It can be fatal
- Option: It causes temporary blindness

4. According to Alabama state law which animals must have current rabies vaccinations?

- Option: All domestic animals
- Option: Dogs only
- Option: Cats only
- Option: Horses only

5. What is a key recommendation to prevent exposure to rabies?

- Option: Leaving pet food outside
- Option: Feeding wildlife as pets
- Option: Approaching animals behaving strangely
- Option: Keeping pets confined

6. Why is responsible pet ownership emphasized in preventing rabies?

- Option: To prevent dogs from barking
- Option: To reduce the risk of infection
- Option: To increase wildlife population
- Option: To allow pets to roam freely

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Rabid fox 2. Through a test at the Bureau of Clinical Laboratories 3. It can be fatal 4. Dogs cats and ferrets 12 weeks of age and older 5. Keeping pets confined 6. To reduce the risk of infection

Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. Which disease is primarily transmitted by mosquitoes?

- Option: Malaria
- Option: Dengue
- Option: Influenza
- Option: Tuberculosis

2. Which medication is commonly used to treat type 2 diabetes?

- Option: Aspirin
- Option: Paracetamol
- Option: Insulin
- Option: Metformin

3. Which viral disease is typically transmitted through the bite of infected animals?

- Option: Typhoid
- Option: Mumps
- Option: Rabies
- Option: Hepatitis

4. Which system in the body is responsible for breathing and gas exchange?

- Option: Digestive
- Option: Respiratory
- Option: Circulatory
- Option: Nervous

5. What preventive measure involves administering vaccines to protect against diseases?

- Option: Quarantining
- Option: Isolating
- Option: Vaccinating
- Option: Filtering

6. What term is used to describe becoming infected with a disease?

- Option: Erase
- Option: Avoid
- Option: Catch
- Option: Evade

7. What is the verb that means to seek advice or information from someone?

Option: Ignore
Option: Consult
Option: Dismiss
Option: Refuse

8. Which type of impairment relates to mental processes such as thinking and memory?

Option: Physical
Option: Cognitive
Option: Sensory
Option: Emotional

9. What term describes making information or work available to the public?

Option: Privatized
Option: Restricted
Option: Published
Option: Concealed

10. Which term indicates something that is widespread or commonly found?

Option: Rare
Option: Scattered
Option: Prevalent
Option: Irregular

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

11. In the context of disease transmission a _____ is an organism that spreads the infection.

12. The patient displayed _____ symptoms that came and went periodically.

13. The _____ stores bile produced by the liver.

14. One of the early symptoms of the illness was a general feeling of _____ and discomfort.

15. Despite treatment the symptoms _____ for several weeks.

16. The _____ enzymes aid in digestion and are produced in the pancreas.

17. The discovery of the new genetic mutation has significant _____ for future research.

18. It is important to take necessary _____ to prevent the spread of the infectious disease.

19. The hospital reported a rare medical _____ involving an unknown virus.

20. The patient was diagnosed with a _____ condition that required long-term management.

21. Researchers are studying potential _____ that could indicate the presence of the disease.

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

22. Continuous monitoring and alertness are necessary to prevent outbreaks of diseases.
23. The spread of infectious agents from person to person is known as this process.
24. Mosquitoes are a common example of this carrier of diseases.
25. Individuals who conduct systematic investigations to gain new knowledge and insights.
26. To be limited or restricted within a defined space or area.
27. The chemical processes within the body that convert food into energy.
28. To identify a particular illness or problem by examining its symptoms.
29. A medical professional who treats and cares for animals.
30. A condition or disease that persists over a long period of time.
31. A physical or mental limitation that affects a person's abilities.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Dengue 2. Metformin 3. Rabies 4. Respiratory 5. Vaccinating 6. Catch 7. Consult 8. Cognitive



9. Published 10. Prevalent

Gap-Fill: 11. Vector 12. Intermittent 13. Gallbladder 14. Malaise 15. Persisted 16. Pancreatic 17. Implications
18. Precautions 19. Incident 20. Chronic 21. Biomarkers

Matching sentence: 1. Vigilance 2. Transmission 3. Vector 4. Researchers 5. Confined 6. Metabolic 7.
Diagnosed 8. Veterinarian 9. Chronic 10. Impairment

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