

NOTICE

ORAL RABIES VACCINATION AREA



Fishmeal polymer bait



Since 1997, Ohio has been distributing a vaccine that orally vaccinates wild raccoons against rabies. A helicopter and local teams on foot (or in vehicles) will distribute a vaccine packet encased in a fishmeal block.

This year's operation will occur between:

May 12 – May 15 (Helicopter distribution)

May 12 – May 29 (Ground and vehicle distribution)

What if I find rabies bait?

Baits should be left alone—but intact baits can be moved if they are found where children and pets play. Damaged baits should be bagged, and disposed in the trash.

- Wear gloves or use a paper towel when picking up the bait.
- Toss intact baits into a fencerow, woodlot, ditch or other raccoon habitat area.
- Wash your hands after any skin contact with damaged bait.

What if my pet eats the bait?

- A few baits are not harmful, although eating a lot may cause vomiting or diarrhea.
- Do not risk getting bitten by taking bait away from your pet.
- Confine your pet for a couple of days, and check the area for more baits.
- If your pet ate baits, avoid your pet's saliva for 24 hours, and wash skin or wounds that may have been licked.

Questions about ORV or bait you have found?

Call the Rabies Information Line at 888-722-4371 or 614-752-1029
or your local health department at: