

## **Animal bites**

If you are bitten by any animal such as domestic pet, stray, or wildlife, wash the wound immediately or seek medical attention and report the incident to the Health Department. Obtain as much information about the animal such as owner's name and address or size, color, and general location of the animal during the bite. If the animal was a stray or wildlife, call South Brunswick Police immediately and request the Animal Control Officer respond to try to find the animal. Since Rabies is a deadly disease, timely reporting to the Health Department can virtually eliminate the serious medical risks of Rabies.

If your pet is involved in a bite, the Health Department is required by law to observe the pet's health upon report of a bite and again 10 days after the bite. Pets that are healthy 10 days after a bite incident pose no risk of Rabies to the victim.

If your pet is bitten by another pet, animal, or has a bite wound of unknown origin, this must be reported to the Health Department. All pets with bite wounds should be examined by a veterinarian and receive a Rabies vaccination booster.

It is important that all pets, dogs and cats, be kept vaccinated for Rabies. South Brunswick Township provides a FREE rabies vaccination clinic for cats and dogs. Contact the Health Department for the Rabies Clinic schedule.