



RABIES VIRUS

Rabies is a rhabdovirus affecting warm blooded animals with wildlife such as skunks, raccoons, foxes and bats serving as typical reservoirs in North America. Rabies is the least common viral disease in cats and dogs, and it is transmitted almost always due to the bite of an infected animal (ingestion or inhalation less likely). Rabies affects the central nervous system, respiratory system, gastrointestinal system and the salivary glands. The signs of the virus include change in temperament, hypersensitivity, photophobia, paralysis and it is eventually fatal.

At WHVC we vaccinate all healthy cats and dogs for this deadly virus.