

IF YOU ARE BITTEN OR SCRATCHED

- If you own the animal that bit you, confine it immediately and call your local animal shelter and veterinarian to check your pet's vaccination records.
- If someone else's animal bit you, first seek medical treatment for your wound as necessary. Next, contact your local animal shelter and tell them everything you can about the dog: the owner's name, if you know it; the color and size of the animal; where you encountered the animal; and if, where, and when you've seen it before. These details may help animal-control officers locate the animal. Rabies in domestic animals is extremely rare and bites involving domestic animals rarely require post-exposure rabies vaccinations for the bite victim. If you have questions regarding post-exposure rabies vaccinations, we can have a Garland Health Department representative contact you.
- Animals are wonderful companions. By acting responsibly, owners not only reduce dog bite injuries, but also enhance the relationship they have with their dog.



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What to Expect if You are a Bite Victim

- State law mandates rabies quarantine/testing for all animals that bite or scratch a human.
- Garland Animal Services responds to all reports of animal bites involving humans and gathers information regarding the bite.
- If possible, the animal involved in a bite is quarantined for 10 consecutive days at the Garland Animal Shelter or a local Veterinarian's Office. If the animal was capable of transmitting rabies at the time of the bite, symptoms of rabies will appear in the animal within the 10 day quarantine period.
- Deceased animals involved in a human bite will be tested for rabies via testing of tissue samples.
- If an animal involved in a bite is not available for quarantine or rabies testing through tissue samples, a representative of the Garland Health Department will contact the bite victim to discuss possible alternatives.
- Garland Animal Services will follow-up with bite victims at the end of the 10 day quarantine period or once tissue samples have been tested.
- If you are the victim of an animal bite please contact Garland Animal Services for additional information or instructions.