

# Annual Raccoon Rabies Vaccination Baiting Project

**August 5-21, ACHD and USDA Wildlife Services will distribute raccoon rabies vaccine baits across the County**

Over the past 18 years there has been a significant reduction in human and pet exposures to rabies throughout Allegheny County. This is largely due to the efforts of the rabies vaccination program for wild raccoons spearheaded by the United States Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services (USDA), who ACHD partners with for this massive effort. This year, employees and volunteers of ACHD and the USDA will be distributing vaccine-containing baits **from August 5th through August 21st** across Allegheny County.

The baits will be delivered both by hand from ground vehicles and by helicopter. The helicopters will be flying in North-South transects that do go over residential areas. As the transects are close together to ensure sufficient baiting, residents may see the helicopters moving slowly over the same area multiple times within a short period of time. Because this could be alarming if residents are unaware of what is happening, we ask for your help in getting the word out about the baiting and when it will be happening in an effort to minimize upsetting the public. Hand baiting will be occurring from August 5th through August 12th and helicopter baiting will be occurring around August 18th through August 21st.

For more info: <http://www.achd.net/raccoon/>