

## Rabies Awareness Messages for Social Media

- ✓ All of these messages are less than the Twitter limit of 140 characters.
- ✓ Consider using the hashtag #EndRabiesTogether with all of these messages.

### Rabies facts

- World Rabies Day is September 28, 2015. #EndRabiesTogether  
<http://www.cdc.gov/worldrabiesday/>
- Did you know? Rabies in wild animals has been reported in every US state except Hawaii.  
<http://www.cdc.gov/features/dsRabies/index.html>
- Every year, about 40,000 people in the US receive treatment after exposure to rabies.  
<http://www.cdc.gov/features/dsrabies/>
- Every year, about 400\* Missourians receive treatment after exposure to rabies.  
(\*average of last 3 years)  
<http://www.cdc.gov/features/dsrabies/>
- Call your doctor right away after an animal bite to determine if rabies treatment is needed.  
<http://www.cdc.gov/rabies/exposure/>
- Rabies prevention costs a fraction of treating people after exposure. Rabies prevention saves lives and money.  
<http://www.cdc.gov/rabies/resources/get-involved.html>
- Summer is the time of year when we see a rise in the number of people bitten by wild animals and pets.  
<http://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/rabies/toolkit.php>
- Did you know? Rabies is a deadly disease transmitted by saliva from animal bites.  
<http://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/rabies/>
- Rabies is preventable, but there is no treatment once symptoms start.  
<http://www.cdc.gov/features/dsrabies/>

### Pets

- Visit your veterinarian regularly to keep your dogs, cats, and ferrets up to date on their rabies vaccinations.  
<http://www.cdc.gov/features/Rabies/index.html>
- Unvaccinated pets can be infected with rabies from wild animals.  
<http://www.cdc.gov/rabies/pets/index.html>
- Vaccinating your dogs, cats, and ferrets against rabies protects your family too.  
<http://www.cdc.gov/Features/RabiesSafeFamily/>
- Love your pets—get them vaccinated for rabies!  
<http://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/tickscarrydisease/pdf/1102.pdf>
- Call animal control to catch injured or sick stray animals.  
<http://www.cdc.gov/features/Rabies/index.html>
- If your pet is bitten by another animal, check with a veterinarian for treatment and a rabies vaccination.

<http://www.usnews.com/news/science/news/articles/2015/07/15/watch-pets-around-wildlife-as-attacks-rise-in-summer>

#### Wildlife

- ❖ Prevent rabies: enjoy wildlife from a distance.  
<http://www.cdc.gov/Features/RabiesSafeFamily/>
- ❖ Keep rabies in mind while camping, hiking, and playing outdoors.  
<http://www.cdc.gov/rabies/bats/contact/outdoors.html>
- ❖ Did you know? Wild animals account for 90% of all reported rabies cases in the US.  
<http://www.cdc.gov/Features/RabiesSafeFamily/>
- ❖ Most rabies cases in Missouri are in bats and skunks.  
<http://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/tickscarrydisease/pdf/1103.pdf>
- ❖ Call animal control to catch injured or sick wildlife.  
<http://www.cdc.gov/features/Rabies/index.html>

#### Children

- Always ask permission before petting a new animal.  
<I:\CPHDivision\DP\Dr. Pue\Molly\Animal Body Language Posters\Greeting a Dog.pdf>  
(Link to Sofia Yin poster “How to greet a dog”.)
- Teach kids safe ways to interact with dogs.  
<I:\CPHDivision\DP\Dr. Pue\Molly\Animal Body Language Posters\Kids and Dogs Interacting.pdf>  
(Link to Sofia Yin poster “What kids shouldn’t do around dogs”.)
- Learn to read dog body language to avoid bites.  
<I:\CPHDivision\DP\Dr. Pue\Molly\Animal Body Language Posters\Dog Fear Body Language.pdf>  
(Link to Sofia Yin poster on “Body language of fear in dogs”.)
- Admire bats from a distance. Touching them hurts them and you.  
[http://www.batcon.org/pdfs/rabies/Bat%20in%20School%20Notice\\_10r12\\_B\\_Color.pdf](http://www.batcon.org/pdfs/rabies/Bat%20in%20School%20Notice_10r12_B_Color.pdf)
- Pets need animal vaccines just like kids need theirs to keep everyone safe and healthy.  
<http://www.cdc.gov/rabiesandkids/prevention.html>
- Stay away from wild animals acting tame and tame animals acting wild.  
<http://www.cdc.gov/rabiesandkids/amy.html>
- Check it out: CDC Kids and Rabies website.  
<http://www.cdc.gov/rabiesandkids/>

#### Worldwide

- Worldwide, rabies causes 55,000 deaths every year. Over half are children.  
<http://rabiesalliance.org/world-rabies-day/the-facts/>