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**DESCRIPTION OF THE INCIDENCE OF CONFIRMED RABIES IN  
LABORATORY EXAMS  
12/01/2024 – 12/31/2024**

<u><b>Positive Animal</b></u>	<u><b>County</b></u>
<b>Bat(1)</b>	<b>Texas</b>
<b>Skunk(1)</b>	<b>Christian</b>

**Total Rabies Cases to Date: 25**  
**Total Rabies Cases to Date-Last Year: 33**  
**Negative Animal Heads Examined This Month: 127\***  
**Positive Animal Heads Examined This Month: 2**  
**Percent Positive This Month: 1.6%**  
**Total Animal Heads Examined to Date This Year: 2,262\***

<b>Cumulative Exams and Positive Results - Year To Date</b>						<b>Total Rabies By Year</b>
<b>Species</b>	<b>#Exams</b>	<b>#Positive</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b># Exams</b>	<b>#Positive</b>	
Dog:	832	0	Rodent/Rabbit:	44	0	2023: 33
Cat:	414	1	Other Domestic:	15	0	2022: 26
Bat:	840	22	Other Wild:	12	0	2021: 19
Skunk:	13	2	Exotic:	1	0	2020: 16
Fox:	6	0	Unknown:	0	0	2019: 24
Cow:	0	0	<b>Total:</b>	<b>2,262</b>	<b>25</b>	2018: 20
Horse:	8	0	<b>Counties On Alert: None</b>			2017: 20
Ferret:	1	0	Counties are placed on alert when there is a positive result on a domestic animal or when threshold levels for wild animals have been exceeded.			2016: 25
Raccoon:	76	0				2015: 31
						2014: 27
						2013: 39

\*Unsatisfactory specimens are no longer included in the running total.

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