



SUMMER ANIMAL BITE PREVENTION

School is out for the summer and more children will be at home and playing outside. Children who are outside can have close contact with both pet animals and wild animals.

Summer heat and humidity can make many pet animals uncomfortable and irritable. Children should be taught to stay away from unknown or stray animals. They should not bother pets when they are sleeping, eating, or with young.

Wild animals should never be approached. Bats and skunks are our primary rabies carriers in Harris County and should always be avoided.

Report all animal bites (that break the skin and bleed) to your local animal control agency. Also, report any direct, physical contact (or possible physical contact) with bats, even if there was no bite.

For more information on bites, bite prevention, or rabies visit www.countypets.com or www.hcphtx.org/About/Organization/VPH.