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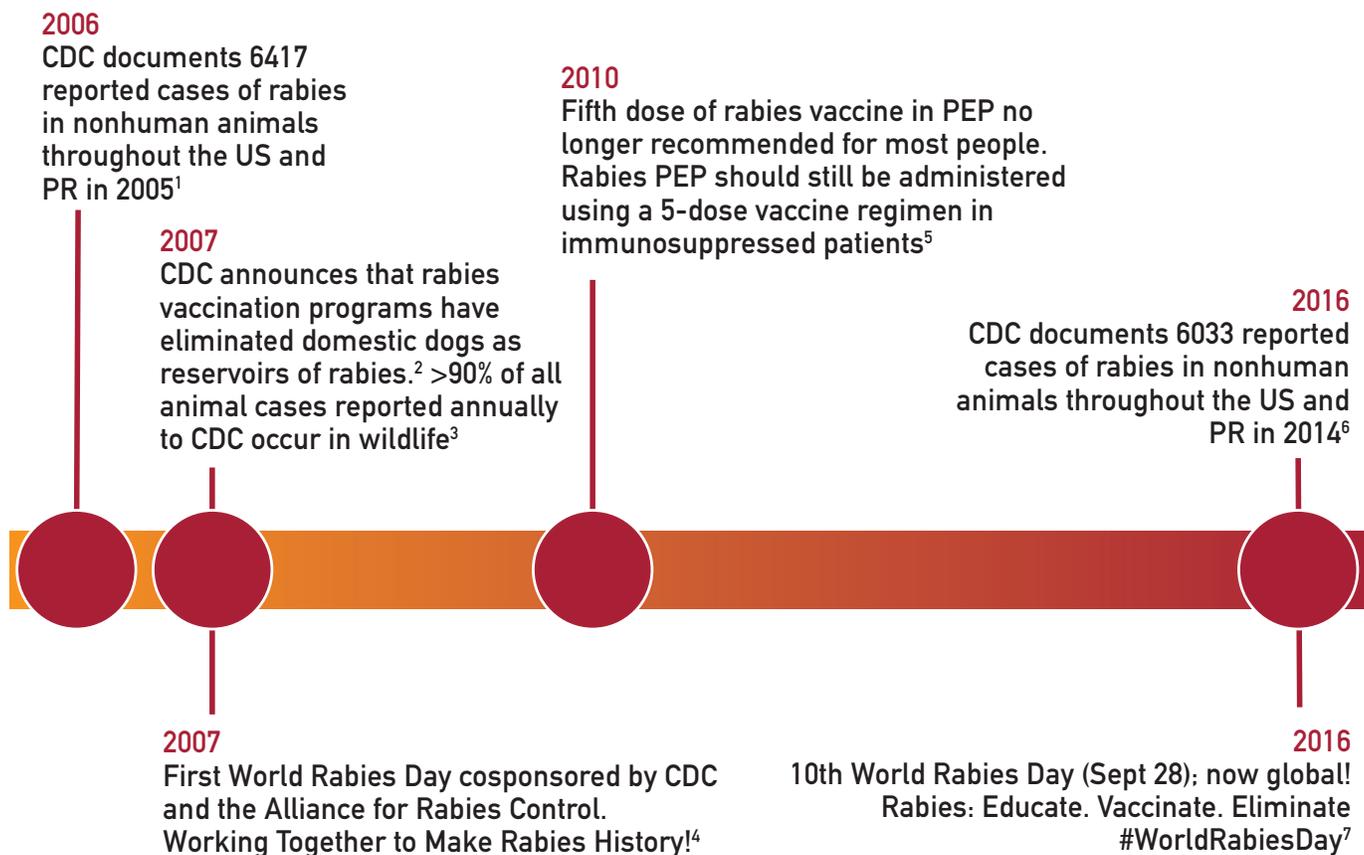
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Rabies in the United States: The Last 10 Years

Rabies in the United States remains a threat primarily due to its presence in wildlife. The possibility of wild animals transmitting this fatal disease to domestic animals and humans has spurred significant public health awareness efforts about the threat. In addition, those who have had contact with a potentially rabid animal need postexposure prophylaxis (PEP) to prevent the onset of rabies.

As the 10th annual World Rabies Day draws near (September 28, 2016), we review rabies-related milestones, trends, and publications from the last 10 years in the United States.

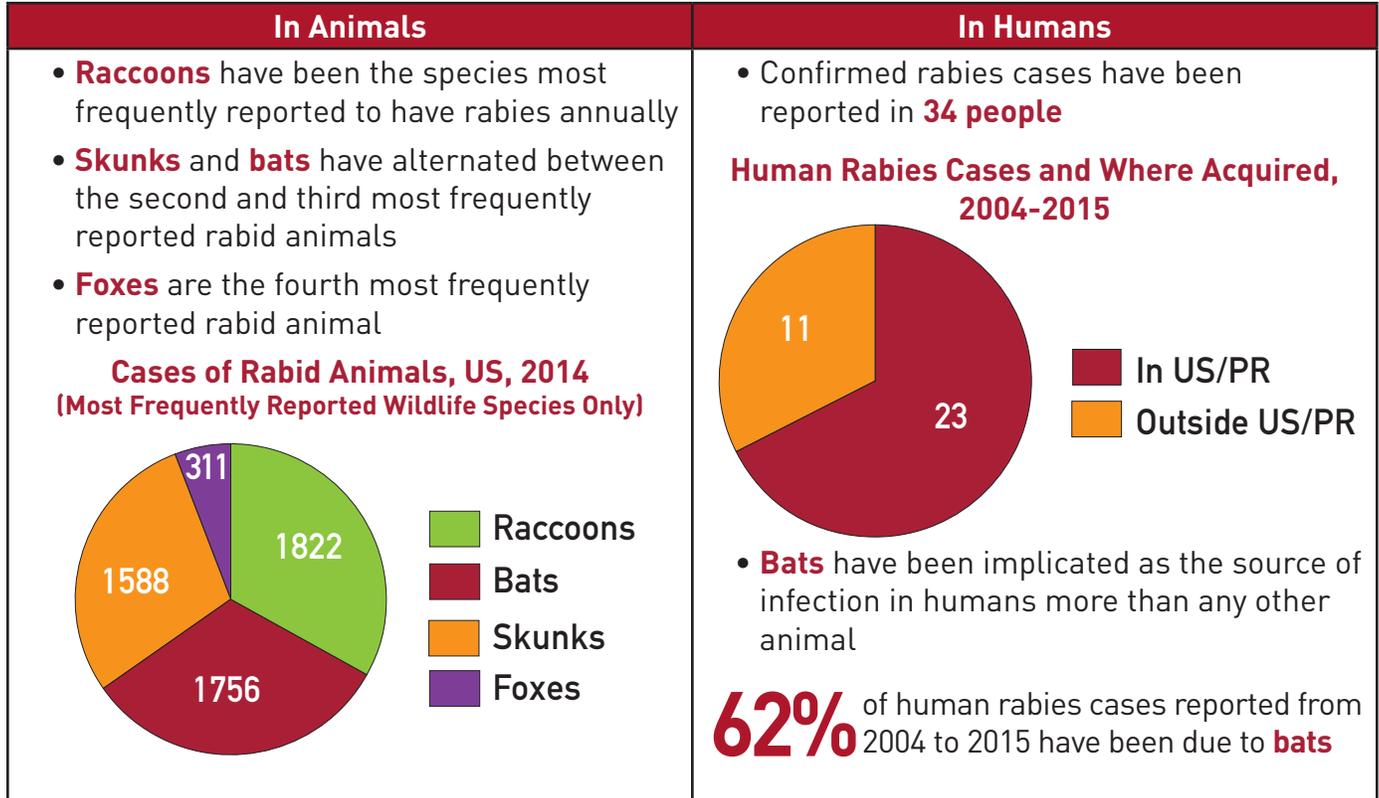
Milestones in Rabies Surveillance, Education, and Prevention in the United States, 2006-2016



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Trends in Rabies in the United States^{6,a}



^aBased on the most recently published data (2016) and including cases from 2004-2014 for animals and 2004-2015 for humans. CDC, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; PEP, postexposure prophylaxis; PR, Puerto Rico; US, United States.

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