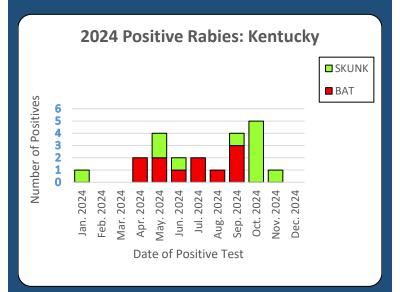
BAT BYTES: Rabies Review and Zoonotic Updates

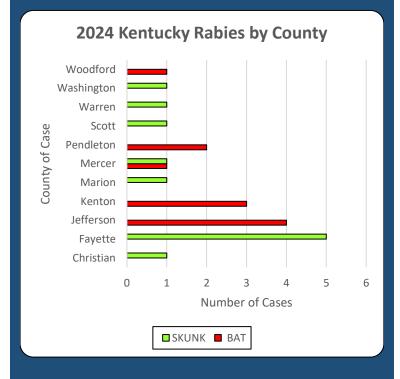
Kentucky Department for Public Health, Division of Epidemiology and Health Planning Kelly Giesbrecht, DVM, MPH, State Public Health Veterinarian



This Issue:

2024 Rabies Cases: 22
Species and County Distribution
2024 Positive Rabies Epi Curve
2025 Kentucky Rabies January-April: 10





2024 and 2025 Kentucky Rabies:

- 1 Human Rabies Death in December 2024: Patient was international from a rabies endemic area. It was canine variant.
- Last human rabies death in Kentucky was 1996: Silver-haired bat variant.
- Skunk rabies is on the increase in Kentucky in 2024 and in 2025.
- Mercer County had an unvaccinated rabid dog: North Central skunk variant.
- Vaccinate pets to protect families!

2025 Kentucky Positive Rabies: Jan-April

