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## DESCRIPTION OF THE INCIDENCE OF CONFIRMED RABIES IN LABORATORY EXAMS May 2009

Positive Animal Bat

<u>County</u> St. Louis City (1), St. Louis County (4), Shannon (1) Butler (1), Howell (1)

Skunk

Total Rabies Cases to Date: 16 Total Rabies Cases to Date-Last Year: 6 Negative Animal Heads Examined This Month: 279\* Positive Animal Heads Examined This Month: 8 Percent Positive This Month: 2.79% Total Animal Heads Examined to Date This Year: 1071\*

Margaret T. Donnelly

Director

Cumulative Exams and Positive Results - Year To Date						Total Rabies
Species	#Exams	<b>#Positive</b>	Species	# Exams	#Positive	By Year
Dog:	324	0	Rodent/Rabbit:	39	0	2008: 64
Cat:	201	0	Other Domestic:	8	0	2007: 38
Bat:	385	9	Other Wild:	14	0	2006: 66
Skunk:	20	7	Exotic:	0	0	2005: 73
Fox:	5	0	Unknown:	0	0	2004: 59
Cow:	15	0	Total:	1071	16	2003: 43
Horse:	5	0	Counties On Alert: None			2002: 45
Ferret:	1	0				2001: 40
Raccoon:	54	0	Counties are placed on alert when there is a			2000: 50
			positive result on a domestic animal or when			1999: 31
			threshold levels for wild animals have been			1998: 42
			exceeded.			

\*Includes unsatisfactory specimens.

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## Confirmed Animal Rabies in Missouri 2009

