

The difference is **YOU!**

WHO

Volunteers will work in **teams of 2 or more** (including at least one ACHD employee). All volunteers will be given a **free T-shirt!**

WHAT

Teams will be issued a county car (that must be driven by an ACHD employee) and given a map and instructions to **throw vaccine baits** in an area around the county. Baits are coated with fishmeal so they are tasty to raccoons. Raccoons eat the baits and are **protected against rabies**. Volunteers are **not** expected to come into contact with raccoons.

WHEN

There will be a short training session that all volunteers must attend on **Friday, August 7th**.

Baiting will take place the week from **August 10th through August 14th**. Volunteers must be available for at least one full day (no half days).

Hours are **flexible** based on the preferences of your team members. A full day is 7-8 hours including travel time. Teams can start the day as early as 6 AM.

WHERE

Teams will meet in the morning at **Clack #6** at 3901 Penn Ave. in Lawrenceville.

Teams will be assigned to a specific area in Allegheny County to throw baits. Volunteers can request an area of their preference.

Raccoon Oral Rabies Vaccine Baiting

will take place
August 10th - August 14th

If you would like to get involved
contact Jack Matey at
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or 412-578-8022



ORAL RABIES VACCINATION AREA

NOTICE

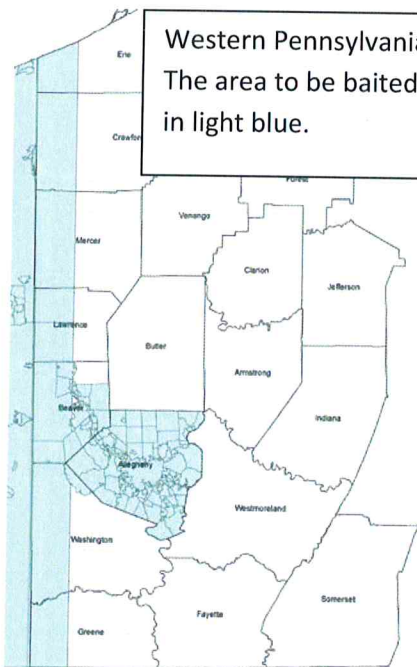
Cooperating Federal, State, and county agencies are conducting an oral raccoon rabies baiting project in western Pennsylvania. A vaccine packet is coated or placed inside a fishmeal block, which is very tasty to raccoons. The baits are dropped from low-flying airplanes or helicopters, or by local teams on foot or in vehicles.

This year's operation will run:

August – September 2015



Western Pennsylvania:
The area to be baited is
in light blue.



What if I find rabies baits?

Baits should be left alone – but intact baits can be moved if they are found where children and pets play. Damaged baits should be bagged and disposed in the trash.

- Wear gloves or use a plastic bag when picking up the baits.
- Toss intact baits into a fencerow, woodlot, ditch, or other raccoon habitat areas.
- Wash your hands after any skin contact with a damaged bait.

What if my pet eats a bait?

- A few baits are not harmful, although eating a lot may cause vomiting or diarrhea.
- Do not risk getting bitten by taking a bait away from your pet.
- Confine your pet for a couple of days, and check the area for more baits.
- If your pet eats a bait, avoid your pet's saliva for 24 hours, and wash skin or wounds that may have been licked.

For information about the oral rabies baiting program, contact:

USDA Wildlife Services: 1-866-487-3297

Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture: 1-717-783-9550

Pennsylvania Department of Health Information Line: 1-877-PA Health

Erie County Department of Health: 1-814-451-6700

Allegheny County Department of Health: 1-412-687-2243

For information concerning accidental contact with baits, call 1-877-722-6725.