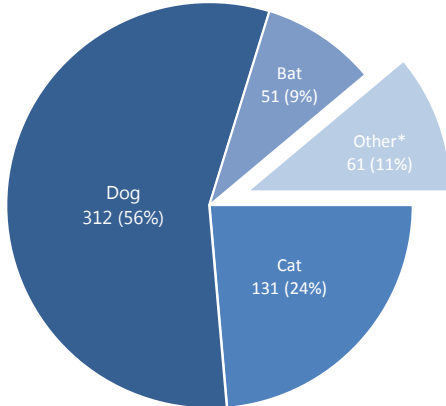


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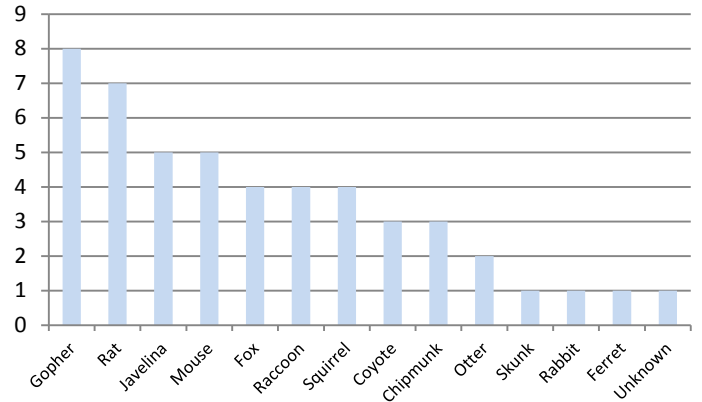
Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH), Office of Epidemiology, has a comprehensive surveillance system that tracks the number of rabies risk assessments conducted. This report summarizes animal exposures requiring rabies risk assessments for Maricopa County residents in 2014. Between 2013 and 2014, the number of laboratory confirmed rabies positive animals in Arizona more than doubled from 70 to 153; however, in Maricopa County there were only five confirmed positive bats. For information about rabies transmission, symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, prevention, and previous year's reports and statistics please visit the MCDPH Rabies Webpage at www.mcrabies.org.

Human exposures to all animals assessed for rabies risk by MCDPH, 2014 (n=555)

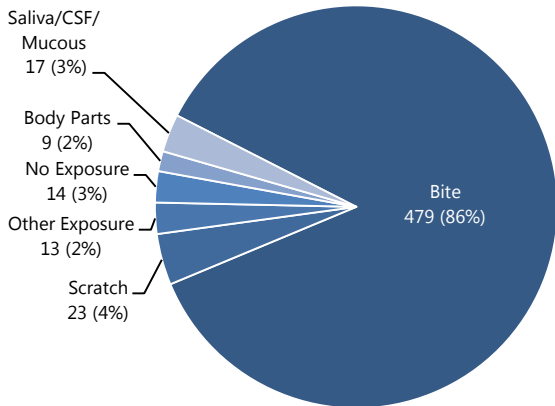


*"Other" encompasses both wild and owned animal exposures. For more information regarding wild animal exposures within the "Other" category, see figure to the right.

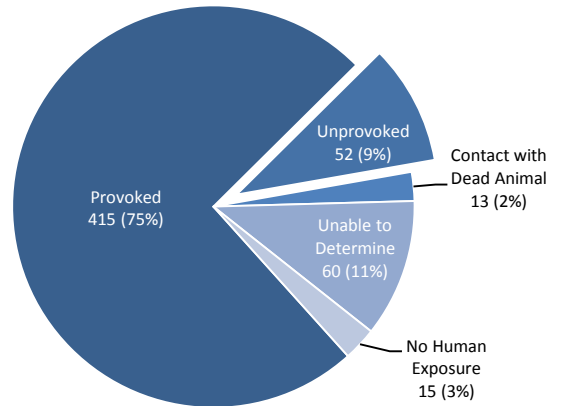
Human exposures to all wild animals except bats, assessed for rabies risk by MCDPH, 2014 (n=49)



Type of human exposures to animals assessed for rabies risk by MCDPH, 2014 (n=555)



Exposure type assessed for rabies risk by MCDPH, 2014 (n=555) †



† The mental state of an animal can give some indication of whether or not an animal may be infected with rabies. In most cases, unprovoked animal bites/attacks are considered to be a higher risk.

Post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) was recommended for 53 (10%) rabies risk assessments

Species indicated in PEP recommendation by MCDPH

Bat	25	Fox	2
Dog**	8	Monkey	2
Javelina	4	Otter	2
Raccoon	4	Coyote	2
Cat**	3	Skunk	1

**All dog and cat exposures recommended for PEP were exposures that occurred in areas outside of Maricopa County where domestic animal rabies occurs

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