

WESTERN DISTRICT:

Infectious Diseases

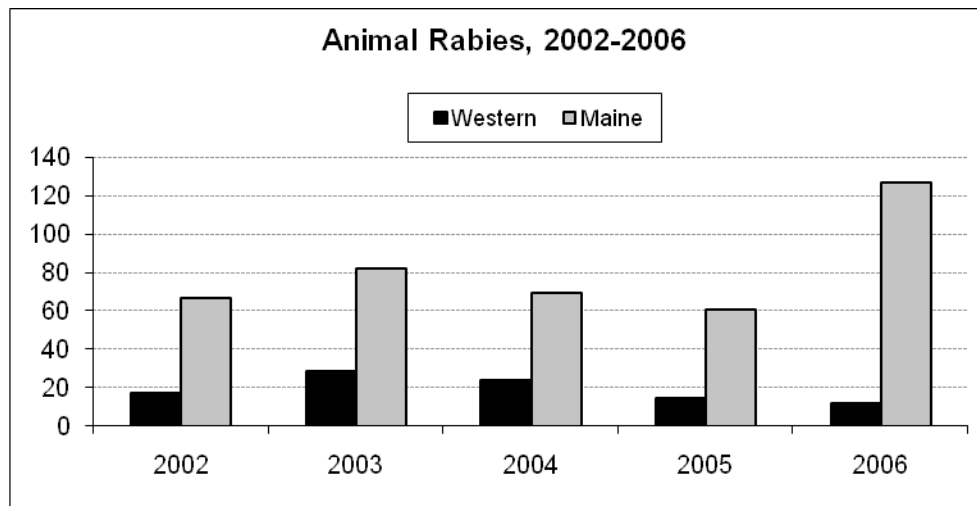
Rabies in Animals

Animals that are infected with rabies can spread this fatal disease to people and other animals through a bite, scratch, or other exposure to saliva.

Rabies can be prevented in domestic animals through vaccination and in people through prompt medical care once an exposure occurs. Communities can take action to assure awareness and education about rabies.

The Maine CDC's Rabies Program tracks cases, provides outreach education, and technical assistance if an exposure occurs.

To learn more about rabies: see www.maine.gov/dhhs/boh/ddc/rabies_surveillance.htm



	Western District Number	Maine State Number
Animal Rabies Cases 2002	17	67
Animal Rabies Cases 2003	29	82
Animal Rabies Cases 2004	24	69
Animal Rabies Cases 2005	15	61
Animal Rabies Cases 2006	12	127

*Maine CDC Infectious Disease Epidemiology Program