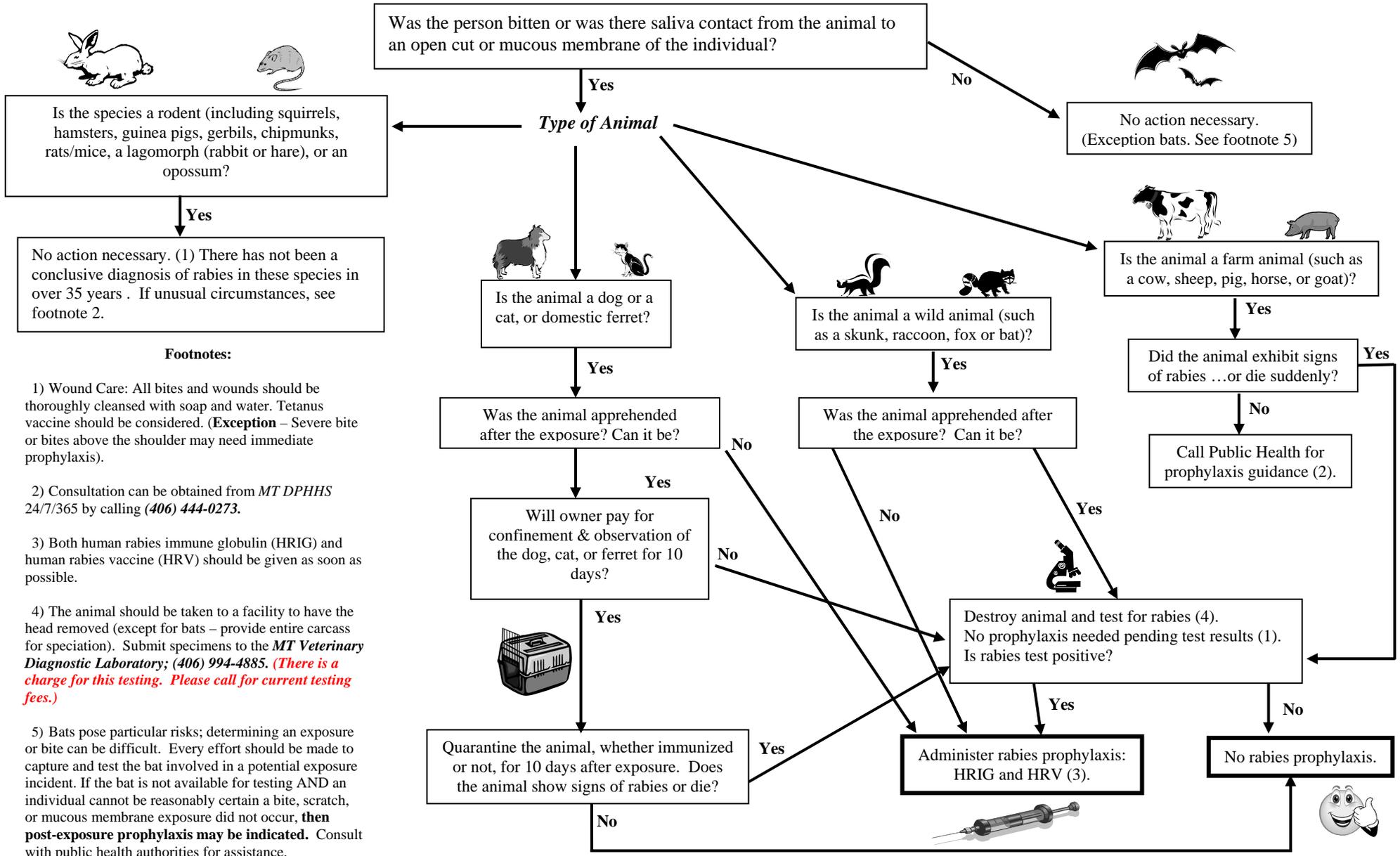


# Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services

## RABIES EXPOSURE ASSESSMENT TREE



### Footnotes:

1) Wound Care: All bites and wounds should be thoroughly cleansed with soap and water. Tetanus vaccine should be considered. (Exception – Severe bite or bites above the shoulder may need immediate prophylaxis).

2) Consultation can be obtained from MT DPHHS 24/7/365 by calling (406) 444-0273.

3) Both human rabies immune globulin (HRIG) and human rabies vaccine (HRV) should be given as soon as possible.

4) The animal should be taken to a facility to have the head removed (except for bats – provide entire carcass for speciation). Submit specimens to the MT Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory; (406) 994-4885. (There is a charge for this testing. Please call for current testing fees.)

5) Bats pose particular risks; determining an exposure or bite can be difficult. Every effort should be made to capture and test the bat involved in a potential exposure incident. If the bat is not available for testing AND an individual cannot be reasonably certain a bite, scratch, or mucous membrane exposure did not occur, then post-exposure prophylaxis may be indicated. Consult with public health authorities for assistance.