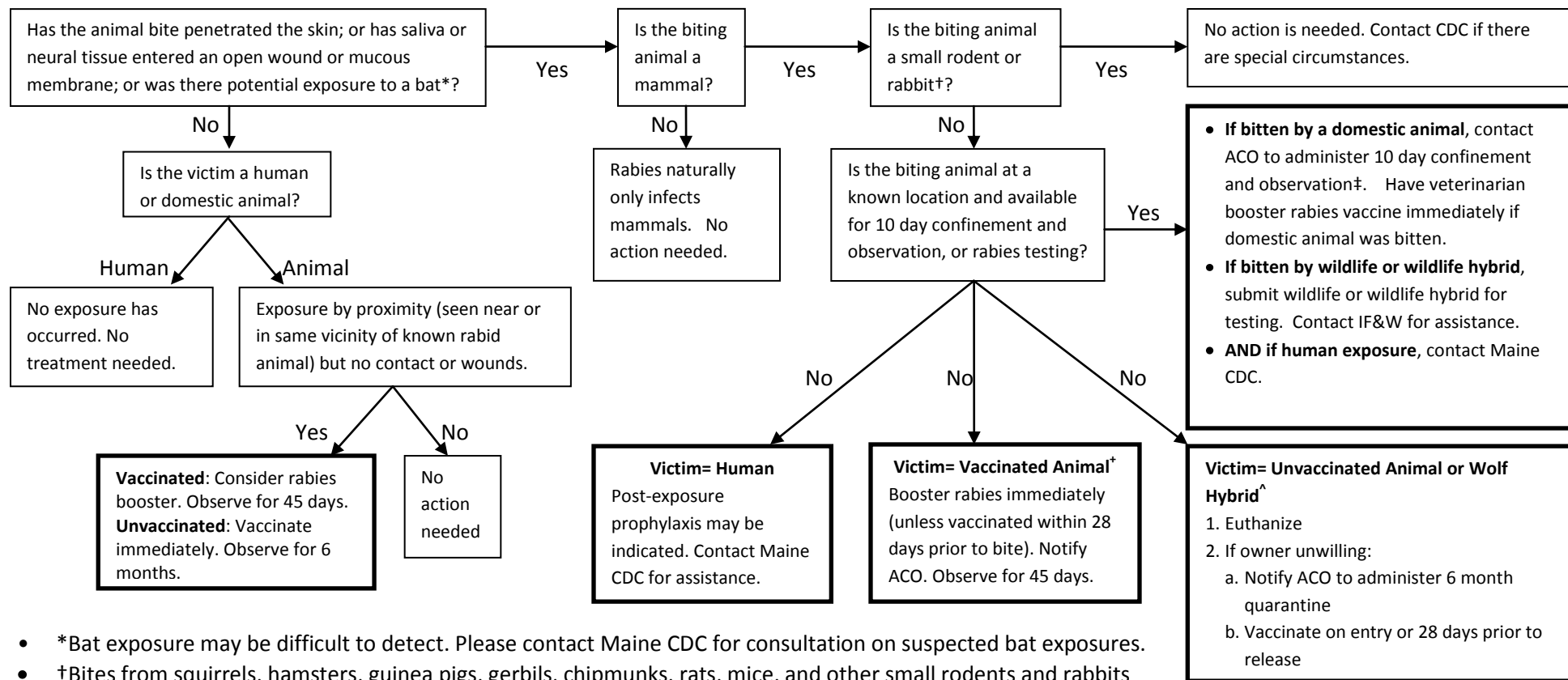


Evaluation of Animal Bites and Other Rabies Exposures for Appropriate Animal Control Measures



- *Bat exposure may be difficult to detect. Please contact Maine CDC for consultation on suspected bat exposures.
- †Bites from squirrels, hamsters, guinea pigs, gerbils, chipmunks, rats, mice, and other small rodents and rabbits almost never require treatment. Contact Maine CDC for further guidance.
- ‡10 day confinement and observation period only apply to dogs, cats and ferrets (regardless of vaccination status).
- +Currently vaccinated animals: Animals are considered vaccinated for rabies if at least 28 days has elapsed since the initial vaccination, and the duration of the vaccination has not exceeded the time period recommended for that species and brand of vaccine.
- ^Unvaccinated animal: An animal with no previous rabies vaccination OR one whose first rabies vaccination was given within previous 28 days OR one whose last rabies vaccination has expired OR no approved vaccine exists for the species (i.e., wildlife hybrids).
- Remember to fill out Animal Bite Report and submit to local municipality.
- Fill out rabies submission form completely. Refer to Maine Rabies Management Guidelines for assistance.
- **Maine CDC:** 1-800-821-5821
- **Maine Animal Control Officers:** Contact town office or local law enforcement
- **Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation, & Forestry:** 207-287-7615
- **Maine Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, Warden Service:** 207-657-3030 (Gray dispatch), 1-800-452-4664 (Augusta dispatch)