

BITES & SCRATCHES 101



Animal bites and scratches can lead to rabies, infection and other diseases. Treat them right away!

Prevention is key!

- Watch kids around all animals.
- Vaccinate pets and farm animals.
- Keep pets on a leash.
- Teach kids to avoid dead or sick animals.
- Teach kids to never pet stray or wild animals.
- If your pet is attacked or in a fight, contact a veterinarian.

If anyone is bitten or scratched by any animal, even the family pet:

- Contact your doctor right away.
- Call the Health Unit at (807) 625-8318 or toll-free at 1-888-294-6630, ext 8318.

First Aid for bites and scratches:

- Immediately wash with soap and warm water for at least 5 minutes.
- If on hand, apply 70% ethanol or iodine solution.
- See a doctor right away.

After an attack, talk to your child and consult a veterinarian.



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