



**RABIES**  
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**DEADLY!**



## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**AUGUST 16 TO 29, 2019**

**Vaccination against raccoon rabies  
of wild animals in your territory**

The Québec government will carry out vaccine bait drops in the **Montérégie region**.

The vaccination operations are being carried out to maintain and bolster the immunization of raccoons, skunks and foxes against raccoon rabies.

### **AERIAL VACCINE BAIT DROPS - MONTÉRÉGIE REGION**

From **August 16 to 19, 2019**, aircraft will fly at low altitude over a territory of roughly 1 398 km<sup>2</sup> encompassing 32 municipalities, to release some 175 000 vaccine baits. The operation targets mainly forest habitats.

### **MANUAL VACCINE BAIT DROPS - MONTÉRÉGIE REGION**

From **August 20 to 29, 2019**, teams from the Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs will cover a territory of nearly 1 407 km<sup>2</sup> encompassing 36 municipalities in the Montérégie region to spread nearly 99 000 vaccine baits in the natural habitats of raccoons, skunks and foxes. The sites include, in particular, wooded areas, the banks of watercourses, the edges of farm fields, and areas around garbage cans.

[List of the municipalities targeted in 2019.](#)



Rabies is a fatal disease both for human beings and animals.



### The vaccine bait:

- resembles a large, olive green ravioli measuring roughly 4 cm x 2 cm x 1 cm;
- is very solid (it is designed to withstand the impact of an air drop);
- must be perforated to spread the liquid vaccine that it contains, which the wild animal does by biting it;
- blends in with the environment because of its colour;
- gives off a vanilla odour that attracts wild animals.

### Advice to be transmitted to residents during the vaccination operations:

- The vaccine baits are intended for wild animals. Avoid handling them.
- The vaccine that the bait contains is safe both for human beings and pets and the environment and it cannot under any circumstances transmit rabies.
- While the vaccine baits are very safe, if you touch a broken vaccine bait:
  - use soap and water to wash your hands and any part of your body that came into contact with the bait;
  - call the number on the back of the bait or **Info-Santé at 811**.

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **At all times, if you are bitten, scratched or have another type of contact with an animal's saliva, wash the wound, even if it seems minor, with soap and water for 10 minutes and promptly contact Info-Santé at 811 to ensure proper follow-up.**
- **Residents who live in enhanced surveillance and control area can contribute significantly to the fight against raccoon rabies. They are asked to report dead raccoons, skunks and foxes or animals that seem disoriented, injured, unusually aggressive or paralysed by contacting the Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs at 1-877-346-6763 or by visiting [rageduratonlaveur.gouv.qc.ca](http://rageduratonlaveur.gouv.qc.ca).**
- Never approach an unknown wild or domestic animal even if it seems inoffensive.
- Consult your veterinarian to have your domestic pets vaccinated against rabies.
- Take steps to avoid attracting troublesome animals on your property, for example, by ensuring that outdoor garbage cans are out of reach.
- Avoid moving troublesome or undesirable animals since you could spread diseases such as rabies to other territories.
- Consult a veterinarian if your pet is bitten by or comes into contact with a wild animal likely to transmit rabies.

To order information documents or posters, visit the raccoon rabies website at

[www.rageduratonlaveur.gouv.qc.ca/en/commande-formulaire.asp](http://www.rageduratonlaveur.gouv.qc.ca/en/commande-formulaire.asp)

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