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**SHOE**

by Jeff MacNelly



**Health Center offers advice about avoiding rabies virus**

By HOLLY ROBINSON  
Reporter

As hunting season approaches, more people become aware of the possibility of contracting rabies from a wild animal. Though many people associate rabies with the fall season, the Department of Veterinary Public Health at Texas A&M University warns that rabies can occur in all seasons and all sections of the country.

Rabies is a viral disease that affects the central nervous system. It is transmitted by an infected animal's saliva to the victim by a break in the skin, or in rare instances, through mucous membranes in the eyes, nose and throat.

Mary Scott, Assistant Coordinator of Nursing Services at the A. P. Beutel Health Center, said the center treats very few cases of exposure

(contact with a possibly rabid animal) each year. The treatment uses human diploid vaccine and consists of an immune globulin injection in the hip and five other injections in the upper arm.

Though most people associate rabies with savage, violent behavior, there are actually two patterns of rabies — furious rabies and dumb rabies.

Symptoms of furious rabies include "extremeness," violence, and snapping. The animal may drool bloody saliva. These symptoms progress to paralysis and then death.

Symptoms of dumb rabies are difficulty in chewing, swallowing and drinking. The animal may have trouble walking and appear to be choking. Paralysis spreads throughout the body until death.

A pamphlet about rabies distributed by the Texas Department of Health recommends following these steps when bitten by an animal:

- Identify the animal so it can be captured by authorities for testing.
- Clean the wound with soap and water, and rinse with a disinfectant to help remove or inactivate the virus in the wound.
- See a physician after cleaning the wound.
- Report the incident to local health authorities or an animal control officer.
- Have the animal tested, if possible.

After an animal suspected of having rabies is captured, it will be observed for 10 days.

**Texas bees spread disease**

United Press International

BATON ROUGE — Honeybees purchased from a Texas beekeeper whose bee hives had been infested with Acarine mites will force the destruction of all commercial and wild bee colonies within a half-mile of a bee farm in New Iberia Parish, Agriculture Commissioner Bob Odom said Tuesday.

Odom said several hundred queen bees were purchased from a Texas keeper prior to discovery of a mite infestation at the Chandler Bee Farm in Westlaco, Texas.

That discovery led Odom to slap a quarantine on the importation of bees or beekeeping equipment from Texas in July.

Acarine mites attack the trachea of honeybees and make them unable

to fly and collect pollen. As a result, the bees die of starvation.

Commercial beekeeper Jim Adams of New Iberia, who owns 21 commercial bee yards, said he purchased honeybee queens from the Chandler operation prior to the quarantine.

"Following disclosure of the infestation at the Chandler farm, we instituted a quarantine in Louisiana, prohibiting the movement of any Texas bees or bee equipment into Louisiana," Odom said.

"Unfortunately, Mr. Adams had purchased bees from Chandler months before any knowledge of the infestation or imposition of our quarantine."

Acarine mites have been discovered in bees at two of Adams' yards.

Odom said all colonies within a half-mile of the infestation must be destroyed.

Thad Pigott, director of the USDA Plant Protection and Quarantine section in Baton Rouge said several federal agriculture specialists who have been working on a Texas eradication project will be brought to Louisiana to attack the infestation in New Iberia.

Dr. Dale Pollet, a beekeeping specialist with the Louisiana State University Cooperative Extension Service, said Louisiana's beekeeping industry consists of 120,000 bee colonies and contributes \$7 million to \$10 million to the state's economy annually.

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