



4800 Ledgewood Drive, Medina, Ohio 44256

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## Animal Bites in Campgrounds

Dear Campground Operator:

The following information is intended to help you take the necessary steps in the event of an animal bite incident at your campground. Report any animal exposure (bite/scratch) to:

**Medina County Health Department**  
**4800 Ledgewood Drive**  
**Medina, OH 44256**  
**(330)723-9523, or (888)723-9688**

If an animal bite or scratch occurs, please take the following steps:

1. Immediately and thoroughly wash the wound with soap and warm water and flush with water for at least 10 minutes.
2. Refer victim to a physician for further treatment.
3. Ohio law (Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3701-3-28) requires that all animal bites be reported to the Local Health Department within 24 hours of the incident. This report is needed so the biting animal can be located and ordered quarantined or, if necessary, tested for rabies in a timely manner. Include on the bite report the type of exposure, species of animal, circumstances of the bite/scratch, availability of the animal for observation or testing, vaccination status (if appropriate), and any other pertinent information that may be needed.
4. If it is a pet, do not allow the animal to leave Medina County. Contact the Health Department immediately for quarantine instructions.
5. If it is a wild or stray mammal, try to capture the animal for rabies testing.
6. If you have a bat and do not know if an exposure occurred, capture the bat, if possible, and bring it to the Health Department. Otherwise, call for recommendations.
7. Please be advised you are also required to keep an *Animal Registry* for all animals brought to your campground.
8. If the bite incident occurs on a weekend, call your local law enforcement officials who will contact a representative of the Medina County Health Department.
9. If you have any questions about an animal bite and/or a potential exposure, call us for assistance.

Administration	Dental	Environmental	Nursing	WIC
330-723-9511	330-725-8794	330-723-9523	330-723-9688	330-723-9629
330-723-9659 fax	330-723-9674 fax	330-723-9650 fax	330-723-9697 fax	330-723-9630 fax



# ANIMAL REGISTER

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CAMP NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Animal Owner: Name: Home Address: Street, City, State, Zip Code Home Telephone: Include Area Code</b>	<b>Camp Site Number</b>	<b>Animal Type</b>	<b>Date(s) Of Stay</b>	<b>Last Lodging Site</b>	<b>Next Destination</b>

**CAMP OPERATORS MUST NOTIFY THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY OF ANY HUMANS BITTEN BY ANIMALS.**