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HEALTH CORPORATION**

*Providing the highest quality health services and promoting wellness within our people and environment.*

## **OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH RABIES PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROGRAM**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

Alaska has a long and intimate history with rabies. There have been 3 confirmed human rabies cases in the State, with *many* confirmed cases of rabies in an assortment of different mammals through the years. The rabies virus can cause acute encephalitis in all warm-blooded hosts, including pets, wildlife and humans; the outcome of an infection is almost always fatal. In Alaska, rabies is endemic (*always* present) The following services and activities are included:

- Disseminate relevant information to the public, Lay Vaccinators, City/Tribal health providers. (i.e. confirmed cases of rabies, SOA post-exposure prophylaxis updates about rabies and the need for pet vaccinations, etc.)

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