

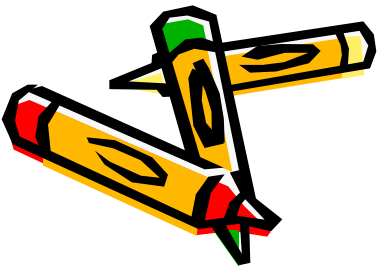
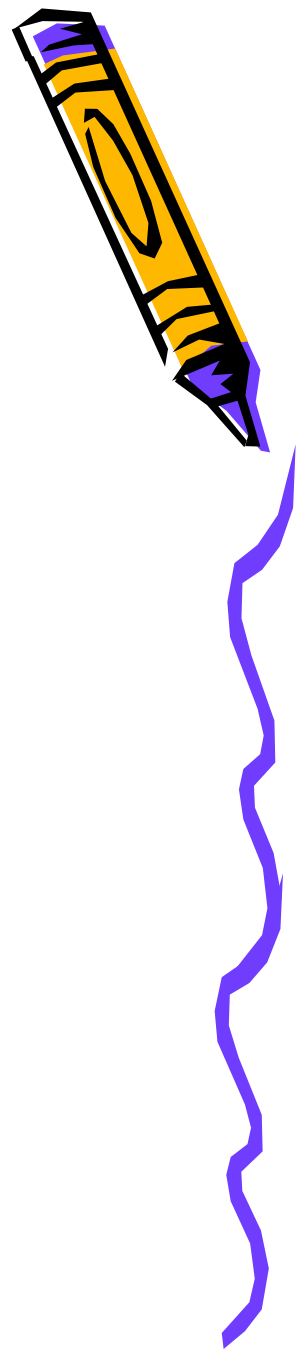


Rabies: What kids need to know!

Henry County
Animal Care & Control

What is Rabies?

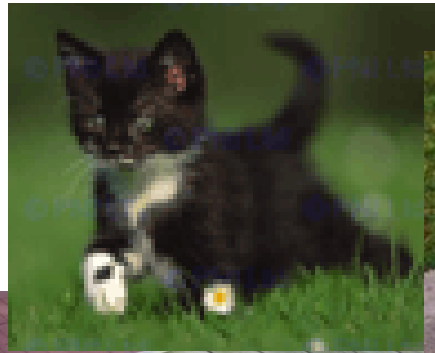
- Rabies is a dangerous disease caused by a virus
- Around the world, rabies kills 50,000 people and millions of animals each year



Any mammal can get rabies

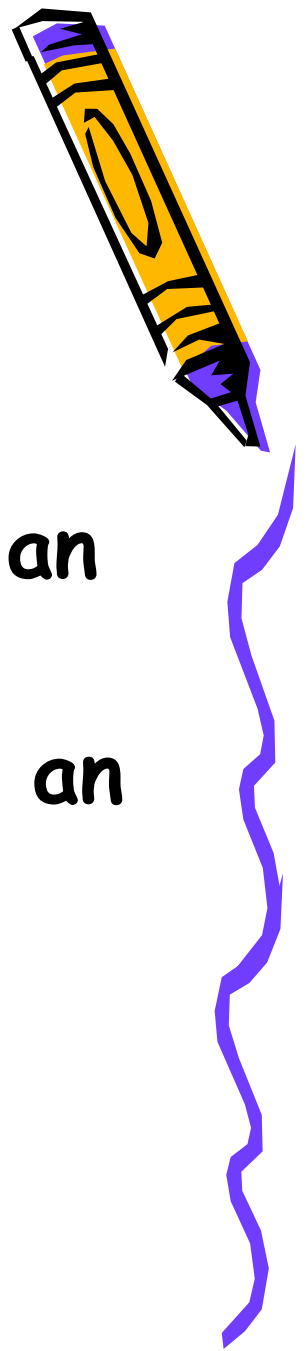


- Raccoons, skunks, foxes and bats
- Dogs, cats, cattle and ferrets
- Humans



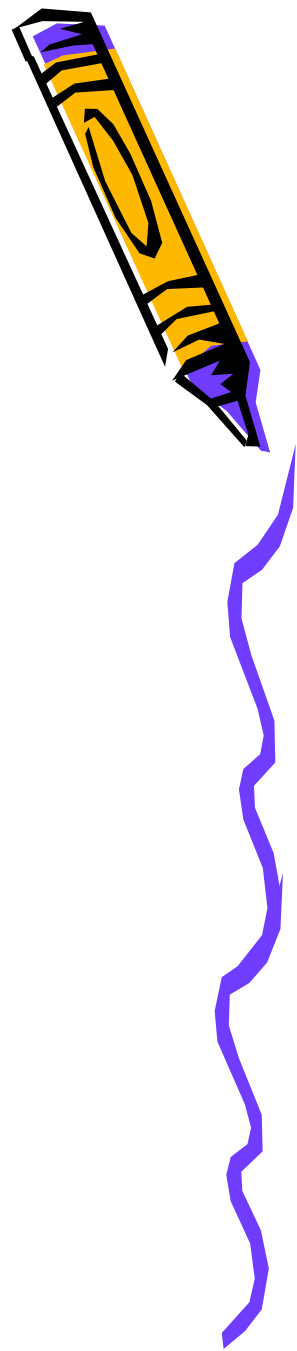
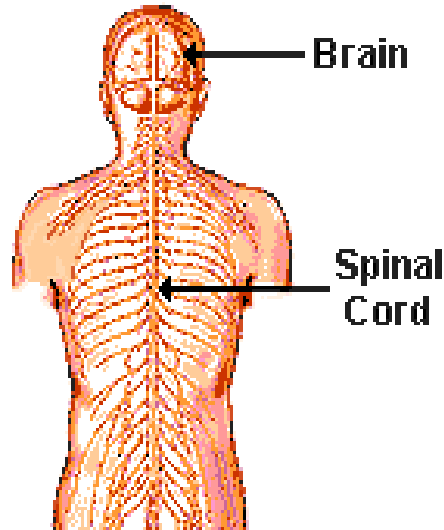
How do you get rabies?

- People and animals get rabies if they are bitten or scratched by an animal that already has rabies
- Rabies is carried in the saliva of an animal with rabies




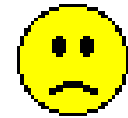
How does rabies make you sick?

- Once inside the body, the virus travels along the nerves to the spinal cord and brain





 If a person or animal gets Rabies, and is not treated, he or she will almost always die from it.



Animals that can give
you rabies



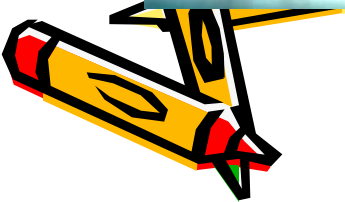
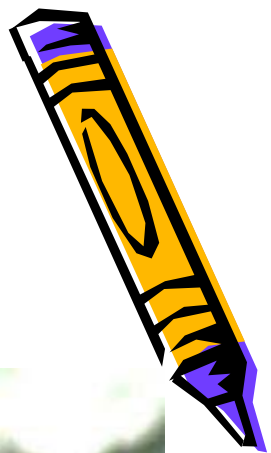
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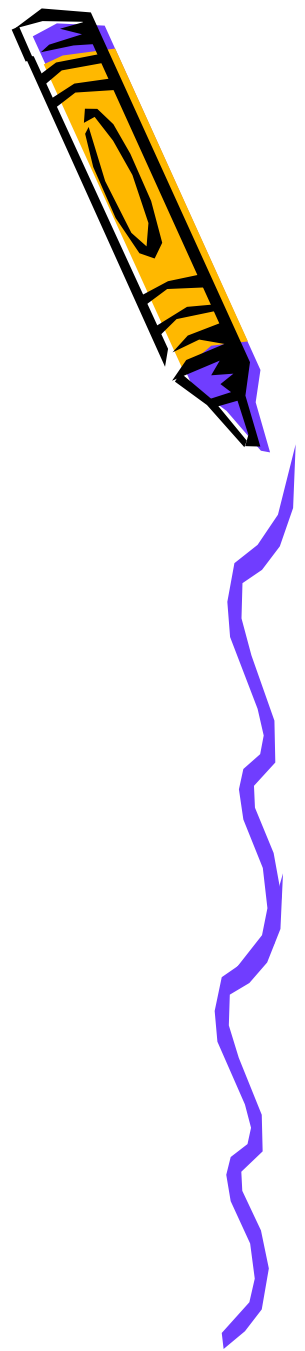
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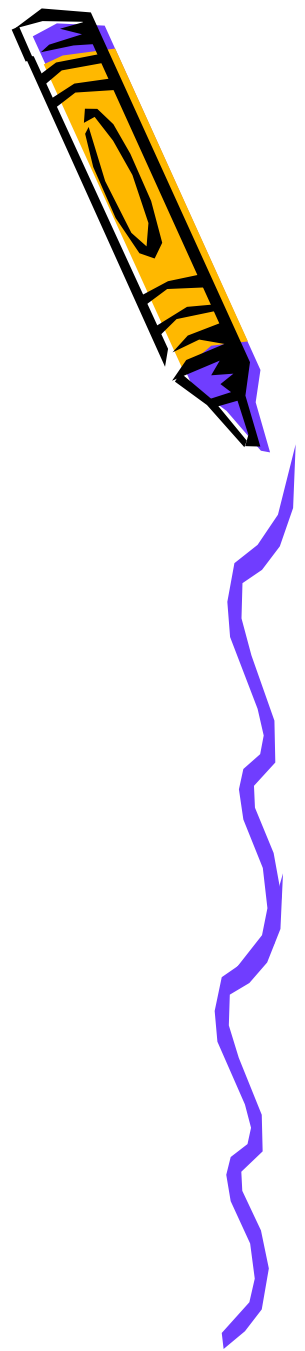
Foxes



Skunks



Ground Hogs



Cats-especially stray and unvaccinated



Dogs-especially stray and unvaccinated



Ferrets

- Many people have ferrets as pets
- They should be vaccinated for rabies



Mammals that are LESS likely to give you rabies

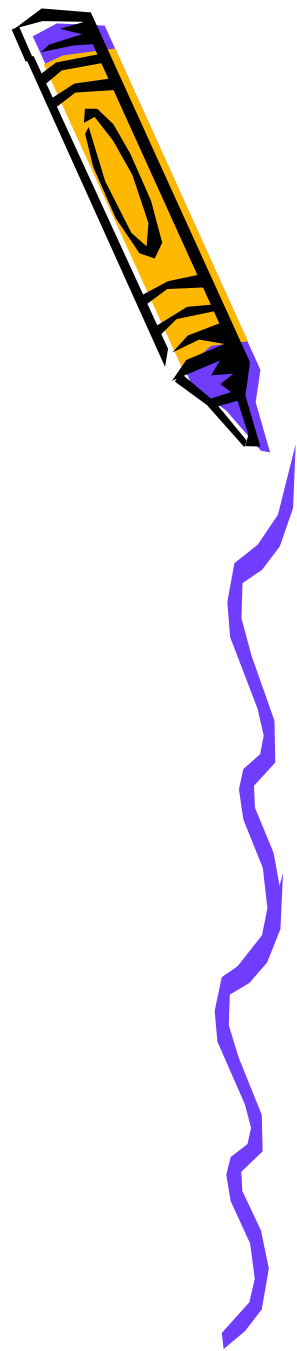


Animals that CANNOT give you rabies



How do you tell if an animal has rabies?

- Some animals may
 - act very mean
 - have problems walking
 - drool



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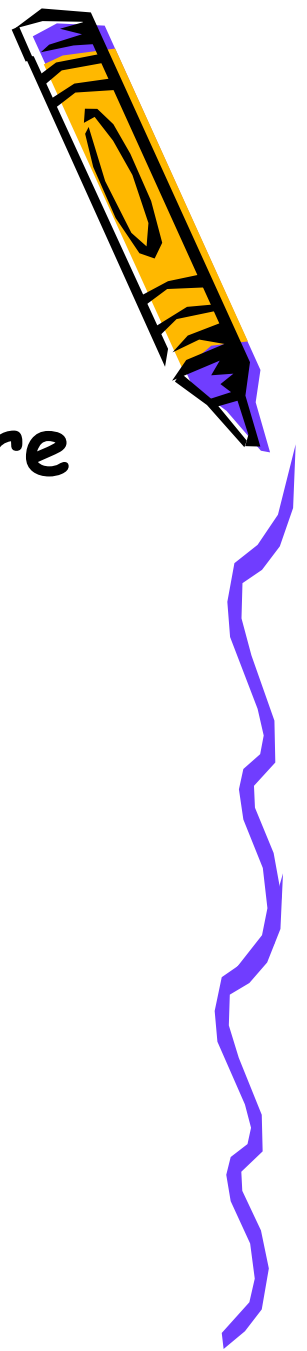


- ...it's important to remember that you can't tell if an animal has rabies just by the way it's acting
- Animals that appear healthy may have rabies



Rabies in Georgia

- Thousands of animals per year are diagnosed with rabies in Georgia
- Raccoons, foxes and skunks are most commonly diagnosed



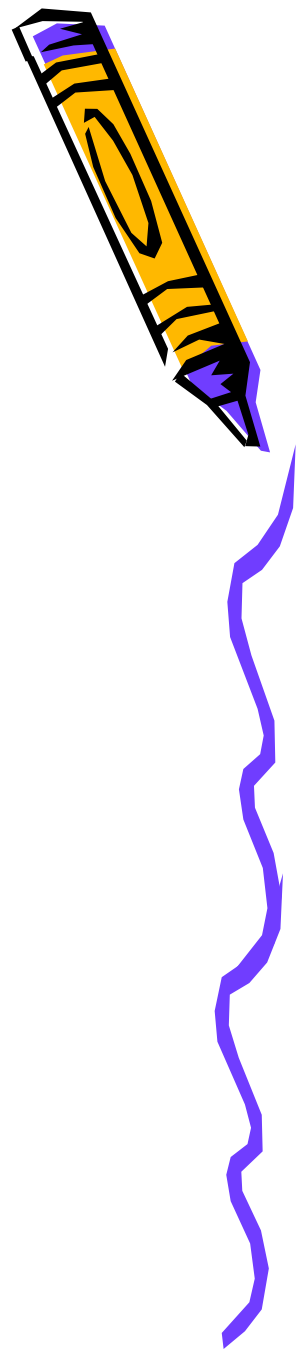
The best way to prevent rabies (in pets and in people) is to make sure your pets are vaccinated against rabies!!



Can rabies be prevented?

YES!!!!!!!

- Vaccinate your pets
- Stay away from stray animals
- Appreciate wildlife from a distance



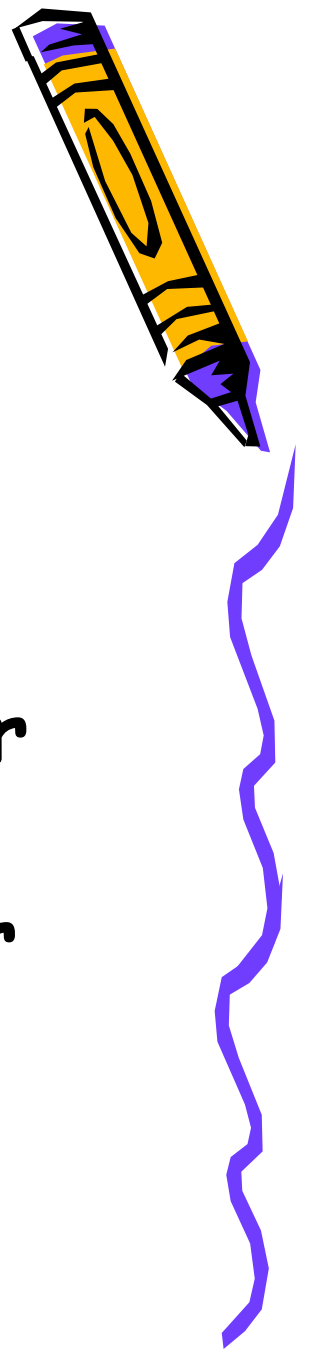
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- If you are bitten or scratched by an animal:
 - Tell an adult immediately
 - Wash the wound out with soap and water
 - Call your doctor and Animal Control
Right Away



Protect yourself and your pets

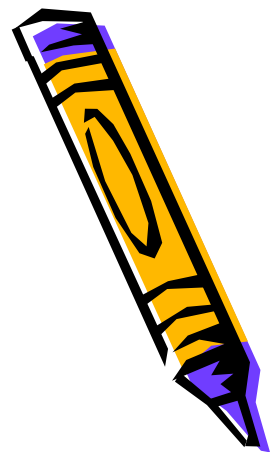


- Have your veterinarian vaccinate your dog, cat, or ferret
- If your pet is bitten by another animal, tell an adult and call your veterinarian right away
- Keep your pets from straying far away from your house



Protect yourself and your pets

- Help keep wildlife that can give you rabies away from your home by:
 - Keeping lids on trash cans
 - Storing pet food either inside your house or in closed containers outside
 - Feeding your pets inside or bringing their bowls in at night



Protect yourself and others



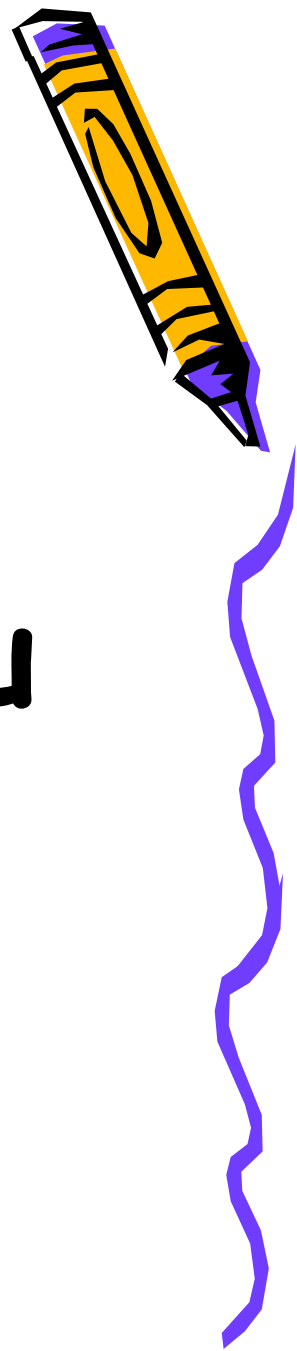
- Never touch a stray or wild animal
- Always ask permission to touch someone else's pet
- Tell an adult if you see a wild or stray animal acting strangely
- Call an animal control officer if you find a sick or hurt animal



Rabies Quiz



Which of these
animals can give you
rabies?



Dogs?



Dogs?



YES!



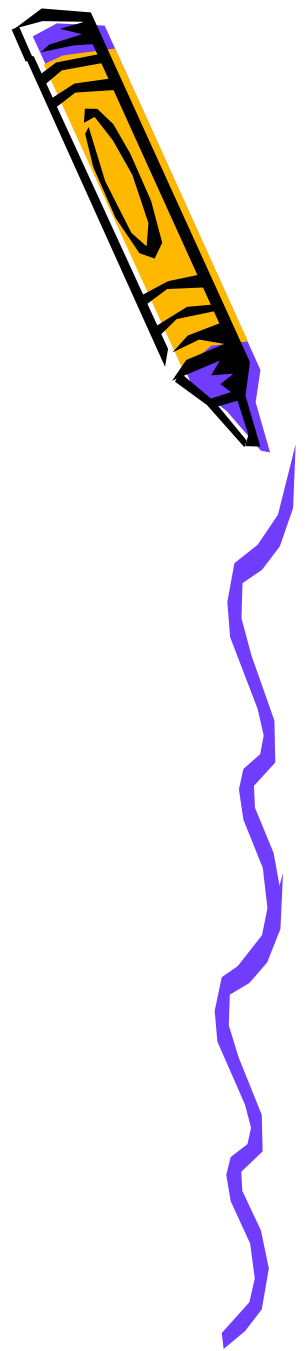
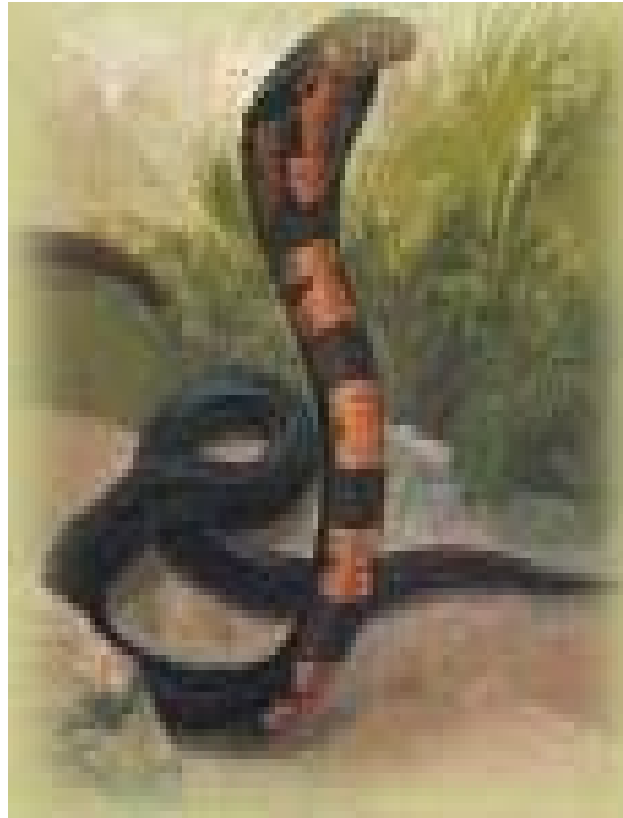
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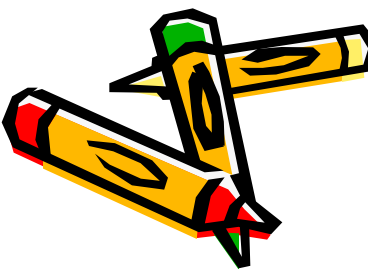
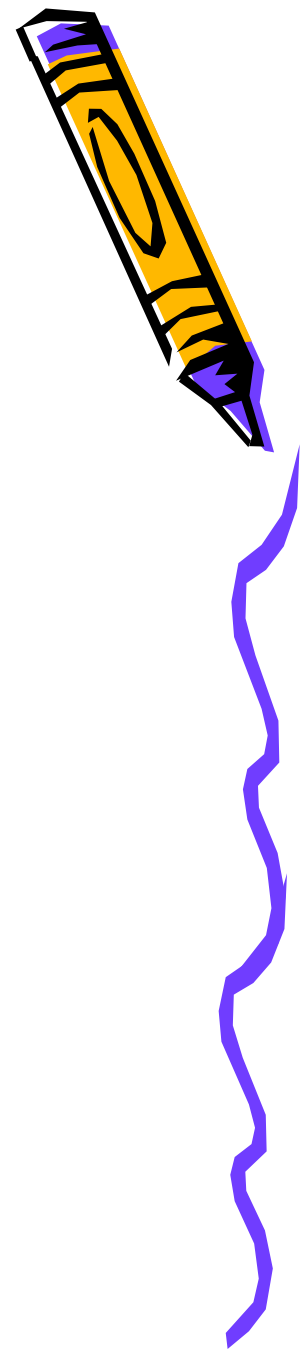
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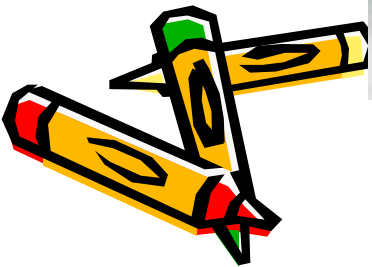
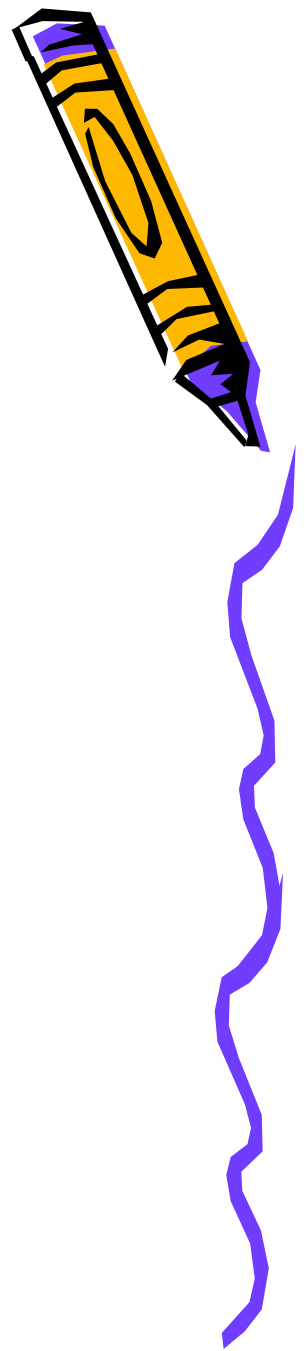
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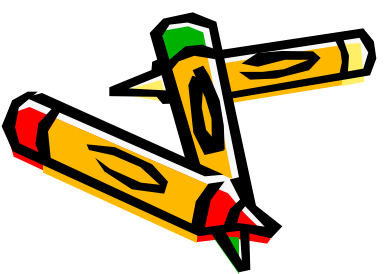
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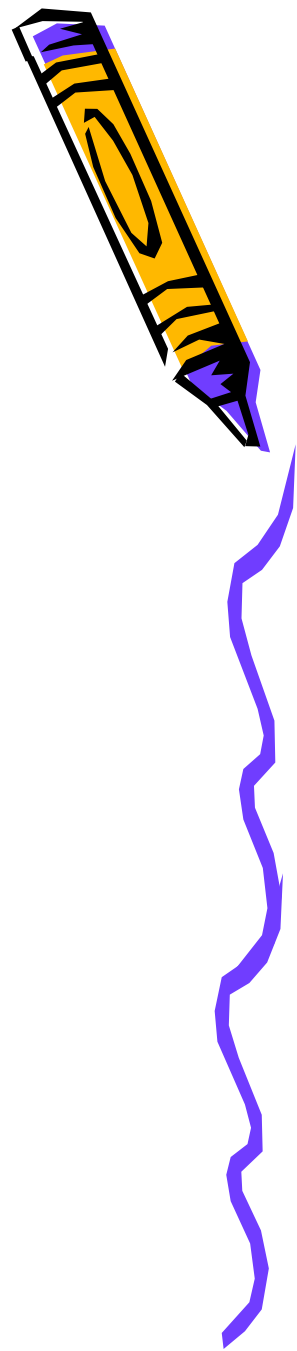


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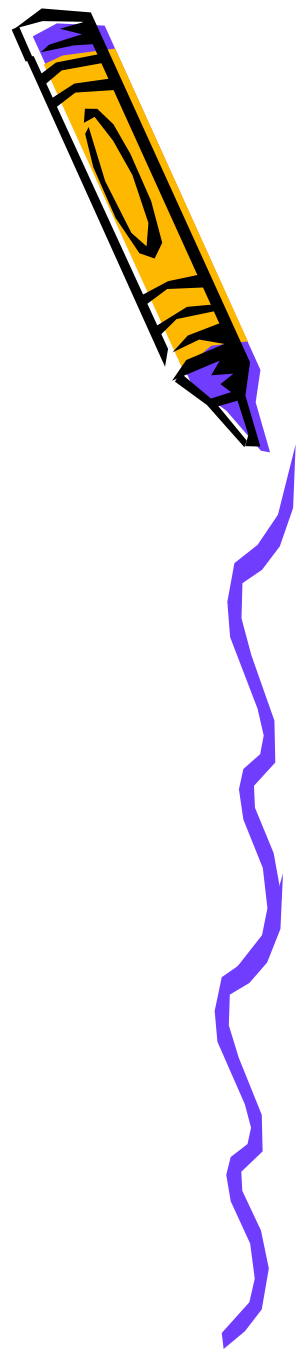
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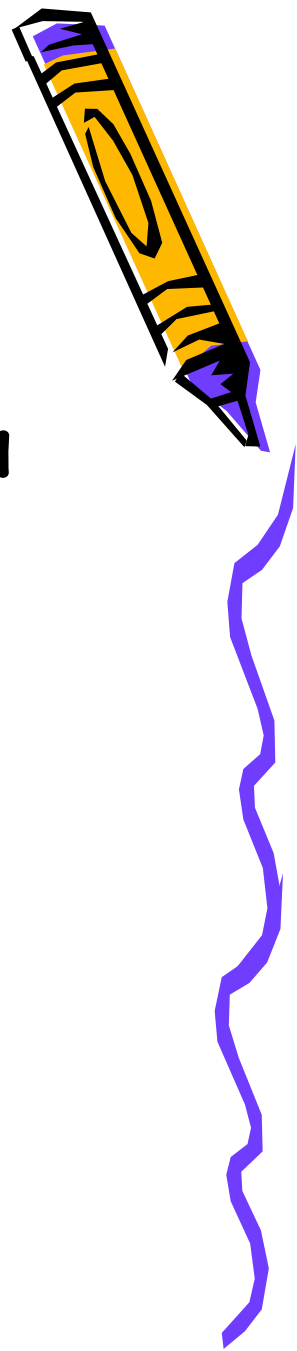
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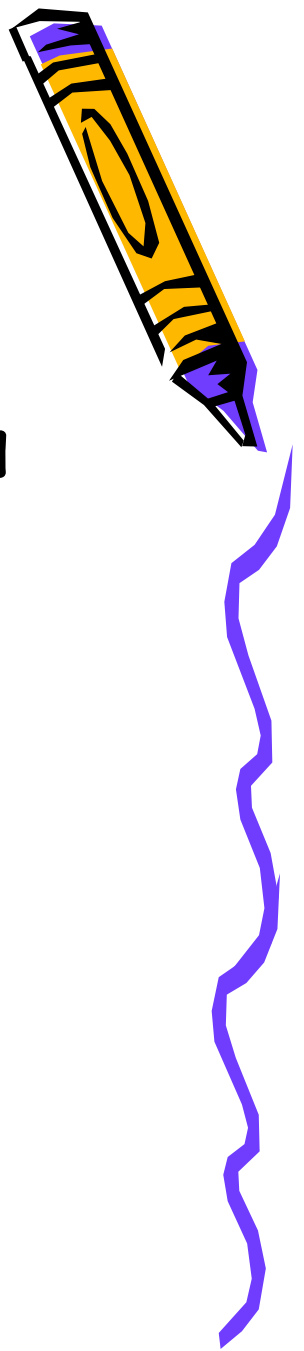
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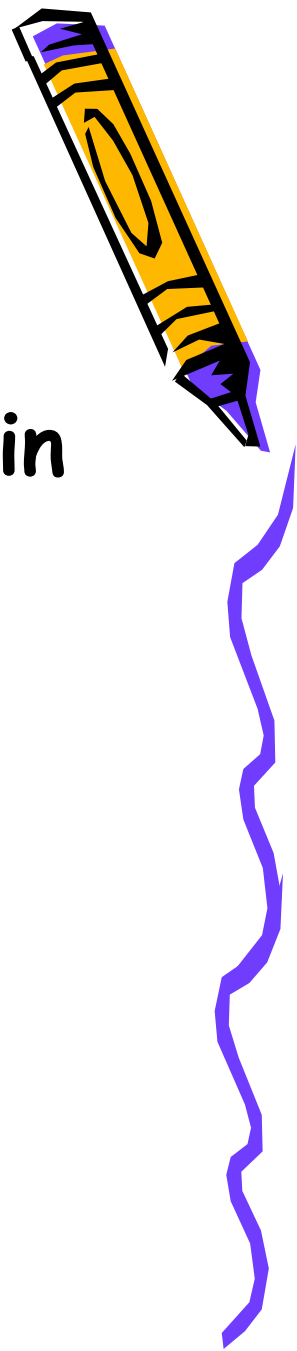
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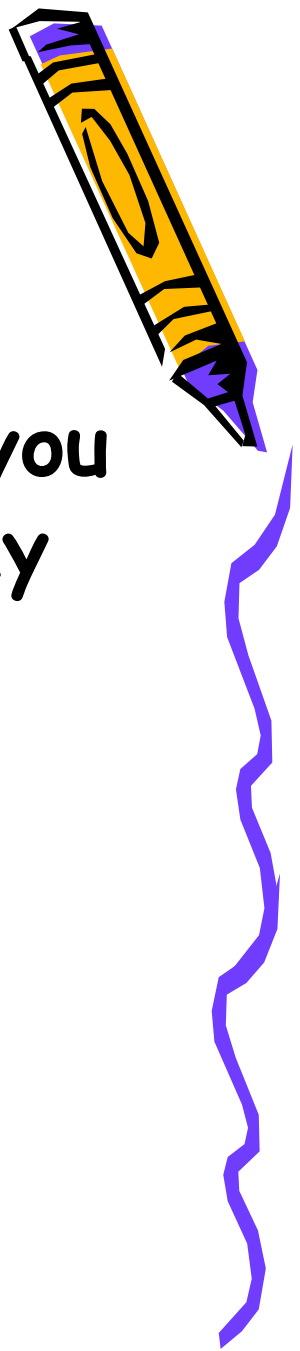
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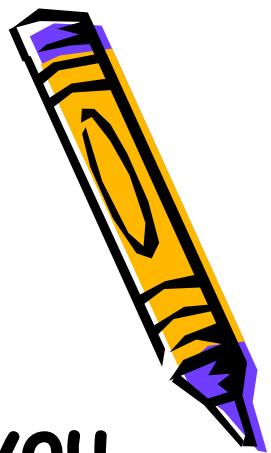
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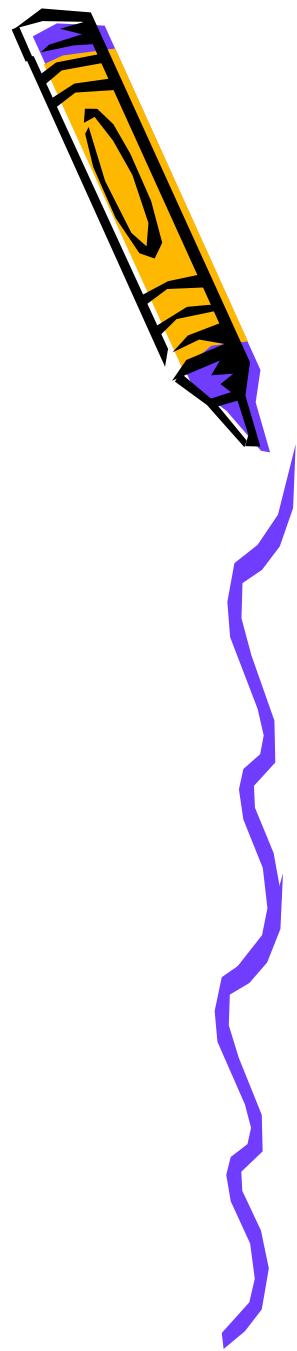
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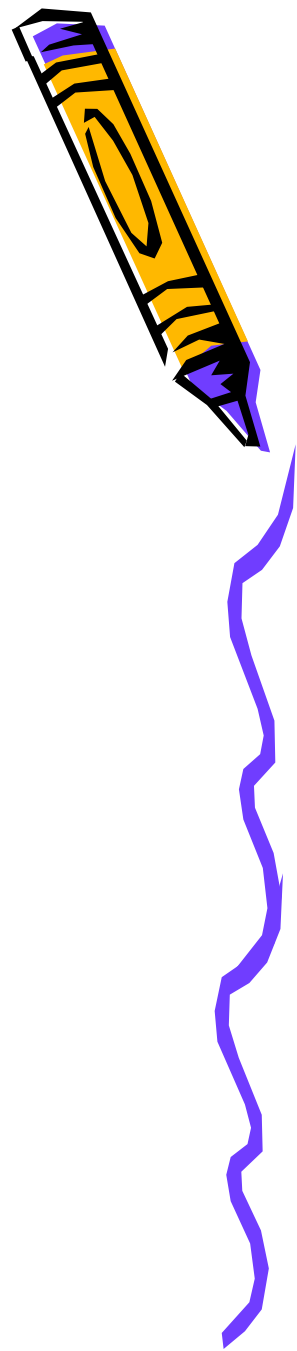
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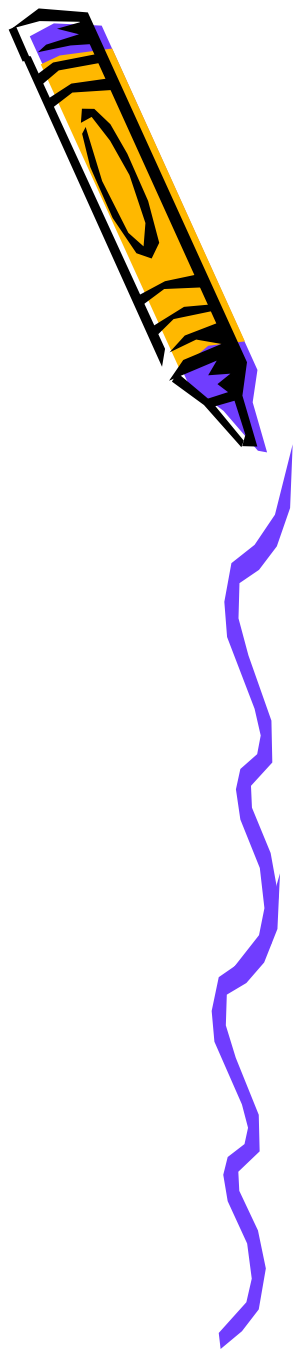
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The best way to protect yourself from rabies is:



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- B. Ask your veterinarian to vaccinate your pets
- C. Tell an adult if you see a wild or stray animal acting strangely
- D. Keep lids on your trash cans



The best way to protect yourself from rabies is:

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Learn more about Rabies



- www.cdc.gov



THE END

