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Children, wild animals and rabies

Decades of hard work to prevent rabies in Ontario have paid off with very low levels of detected disease.
But rabies is still around and young children are especially vulnerable because of their natural curiosity about animals.
Make sure your child understands that stray or wild animals should be given a distance. Set a few rules for them to follow.
? Always ask permission before petting any dog or cat.
? Never touch or play with any wild animal, including squirrels, chipmunks, raccoons, rabbits and bats.
? Tell an adult right away if they ever see a lost, unknown or injured animal.
? Tell an adult right away if they have ever touched, or have been scratched or bitten by any animal.
The other important rule to keep in mind is to ensure that your own pets are vaccinated against rabies. It protects both your pet and your family. And it's the law.