

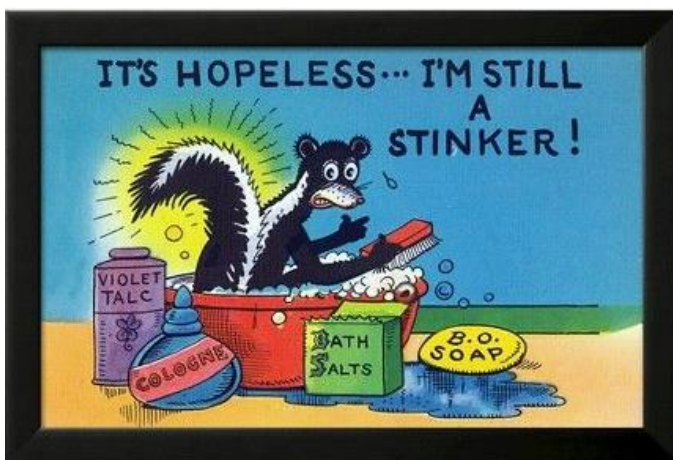
Animals on Campus

Humboldt County has had a significant spike in rabies cases in the last four years. In 2013 and 2014 no rabies cases were seen. In 2015, one animal tested positive in Humboldt County, and in 2016 eight animals that were tested for rabies turned up positive. Rabies is always present in the wildlife population throughout Humboldt County, especially among skunks, bats and foxes, though there have been confirmed cases in many domestic animals such as cats and dogs.

Every campus should have protocols in place for how to prevent animals from coming onto their campus, and what to do when an unwanted pest appears. Always avoid contact with wild and stray animals and do not leave any appetizing or habitable items lying around.

When it comes to the removal of unwanted animals, did you know that it is illegal to trap and remove wild animals from your premises? Below are best practices on how to handle unwanted pests on your campus from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

- **PREVENT** - Keep all sites as clean as possible, clear of all clutter, trash and food.
- **REPAIR** - Perform routine maintenance checks to repair any holes or openings in buildings, crawl spaces, etc.
- **BE UNWELCOMING** - Do not make your campus a comfortable place for wild animals. Shoo away any nonaggressive animals, keep all kids away from potential dangers & do not allow any feeding or petting!



KNOW WHO TO CALL:

If there is an immediate danger always call 911!

If there is not an imminent threat, contact your local
Department of Fish & Wildlife or Animal Control.

For questions about rabies or to report a rabid animal,
call the *DHHS Division of Environmental Health* at 707-
445-6215.