

# ZOOONOSIS CONTROL

PUBLIC HEALTH REGION 11

WINTER-QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

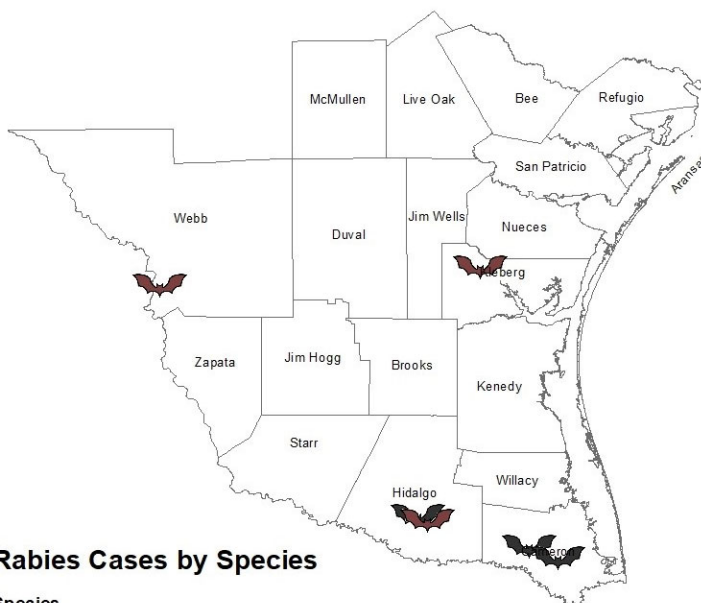
2023



## DECEMBER

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b>JANUARY</b>	0	0	1
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	0	0	0
<b>MARCH</b>	0	1	1
<b>APRIL</b>	0	1	3
<b>MAY</b>	0	0	0
<b>JUNE</b>	2	0	0
<b>JULY</b>	1	0	0
<b>AUGUST</b>	0	1	2
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	1	1	0
<b>OCTOBER</b>	1	1	1
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	1	1	0
<b>DECEMBER</b>	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	6	6	8

### RABIES CASES



- Species**
-  Mexican free-tailed bat = 3
  -  Evening bat = 3



### DSHS LABORATORY-CONFIRMED RABID ANIMALS PUBLIC HEALTH REGION 11- 2023

COUNTY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
CAMERON	0	0	0	0	0	BAT-1	BAT-1	0	0	0	0	0	2
HIDALGO	0	0	0	0	0	BAT-1	0	0	BAT-1	0	0	0	2
KLEBERG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	BAT-1	0	0	1
WEBB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	BAT-1	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	6



The **2024 Oral Rabies Vaccination Program (ORVP) Hand baiting and Safety Training** is being held in-person. Health Departments and Animal Control Agencies **within border county jurisdictions** can participate in the ORVP hand bait distribution.

### **Registration Information (Dates & Locations):**

- ❖ Tuesday, **January 9th, 2024** at the Cameron County Public Health, **San Benito**  
<https://forms.office.com/r/uHHiLh7JC7>
- ❖ Wednesday, **January 10th, 2024** at the City of Laredo Health Department, **Laredo**  
<https://forms.office.com/r/f3bDjyXK9C>

Wednesday, **January 17th, 2024** at the Regional Communications Center, **El Paso**  
Please contact **Dr. Kenneth Waldrup** at **(915) 834-7782** (morning & afternoon sessions available)

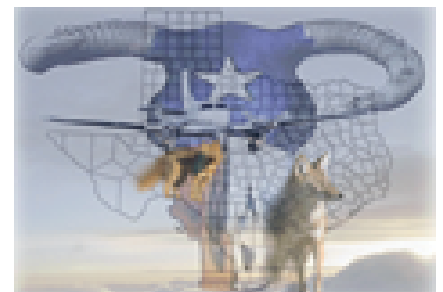
Animal Control Officers (ACO), Registered Sanitarians (RS), Veterinarians, and Licensed Veterinary Technicians can earn up to **5 hours** of Continuing Education (CE). Hand bait distribution participants **must** attend the hand bait safety training presentations and sign the hand bait safety waiver. Safety waivers will be collected at the hand bait safety training.

Hand bait will be distributed to participating jurisdictions after training completion. Reminder, be sure to log in location and time spent distributing the hand baits and submit your distribution log no later than **February 2, 2024**.

For more information, contact:

Region 11 Zoonosis Control program at (956) 444-3212 or  
[HSR11.Zoo@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:HSR11.Zoo@dshs.texas.gov)

Region 9/10 Zoonosis Control at (915) 834-7782 or email  
[Ken.Waldrup@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:Ken.Waldrup@dshs.texas.gov) or [Veronica.Suarez@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:Veronica.Suarez@dshs.texas.gov)



### ACO TRAINING COURSE

An Animal Control Officer (ACO) Training Course is scheduled from 1 pm on March 6 through noon on March 8 in Portland. **Registration deadline is February 16th.** The cost for attending the course is \$75 per student. Information on ACO training is available at [www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/health/zoonosis/education/training/aco/](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/health/zoonosis/education/training/aco/) or through the Zoonosis Control office.

ACO Basic Course registration: <https://forms.office.com/r/QX8NCbB32Z>



Instructions for submitting payment will be provided in the acceptance letter. If you have any questions, please call Letty Tamayo at (956) 444-3212.



### THE 2024 ANNUAL JAMES STEELE CONFERENCE ON DISEASES IN NATURE TRANSMISSIBLE TO HUMANS: CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The James Steele Conference on Diseases in Nature Transmissible to Humans (DIN) is convening its annual conference in **College Station, Texas** from **May 22 through May 24, 2024** at the **Texas A&M Hotel and Conference Center in College Station**. The annual conference focuses on zoonotic diseases, environmental diseases, biosecurity, and public health preparedness topics of interest to a wide variety of health, public health, and academic professionals. Conference attendees include representatives from veterinary medicine, human medicine, public health, laboratory science, and academia, among others.

On behalf of the planning committee, we invite you to submit an abstract for either an oral or poster presentation for consideration by the Curriculum Committee. The Curriculum Committee will consider presentations of disease reviews, individual case studies, outbreak investigations, basic and applied research projects, and public health intervention or surveillance programs related to zoonotic or infectious environmental diseases relevant to the veterinary, medical, and public health communities. Oral presentations are 30 minutes, inclusive on time for audience questions.

Presenters selected for oral presentation will receive complimentary conference registration. Poster presenters do not receive discounted registration. Oral and poster presenters who do not otherwise attend the conference do not need to pay a registration fee to present their work.

**The abstract submission deadline is February 2, 2024.** The abstract submission form is available online at <https://www.diseasesinnature.com/abstract-submission>. Please see the DIN conference website at <https://www.diseasesinnature.com> for complete conference information.



# Bats And Rabies

A FREE Seminar Hosted by:

Texas Department of State Health Services  
Region 11 Zoonosis Control

In partnership with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Texas DSHS Region 11 recognizes the need for animal control officer continuing education, trainings, and professional development. Rabies prevention and control is a critical local public health function and animal control officers are at the forefront in these activities providing critical roles such as investigating potential exposures to rabies and providing education to the public for rabies prevention.

- This **FREE** seminar will be offered in person at three locations.
- Up to **6 hours** of **Continuing Education** credit will be provided by Region 11 Zoonosis Control Program.
- Please register at the location that you plan to attend.

**Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
8:00 am - 4:30 pm



*McAllen Public Library  
Auditorium*  
4001 North 23<sup>rd</sup> Street  
**McAllen**, Texas 78504

Registration:

<https://forms.office.com/r/rYAbWC8xYp>

**Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
8:00 am - 4:30 pm



*Joe A. Guerra Public Library*  
1120 East Calton Road  
**Laredo**, Texas 78041

Registration:

<https://forms.office.com/r/w38JpBnzbP>

**Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
8:00 am - 4:30 pm



*John C. Fulghum Event Center*  
111 East Corpus Christi Street  
**Beeville**, Texas 78102

Registration:

<https://forms.office.com/r/D5zcuLg7N7>

Space is limited, and you must receive the registration email confirmation prior to attending the event. Registration deadline is **April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024**.



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# TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER TRAINING MANUAL ORDER FORM

The *Animal Control Officer Training Manual* is available through the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). The manual contains a basic course section, plus various state laws relating to animals. The manual is intended as a study guide for students attending a basic training course and as a reference manual for animal control agencies.

Students attending an animal control officer basic course will be tested on the material presented in the manual. Therefore, it is highly recommended that students study the manual thoroughly **before** attending a course.

Each manual **costs \$40.00**. (A 3-ring binder is not included; however, the manual is 3-hole punched and ready for insertion in a 1½-inch binder of your choice.) Make checks or money orders payable to the **Texas Department of State Health Services** and mail it with the following form to the local DSHS Zoonosis Control Regional Office covering your county:

**Texas Department of State Health Services  
Zoonosis Control  
601 West Sesame Drive  
Harlingen, Texas 78550  
Telephone: (956) 444-3212**

(Complete, detach, and submit the following form with your check.)

**Send Animal Control Officer Training Manual(s) to:**  
(Please Print or Type)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Agency or Individual

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Order

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Delivery Address (NO Post Office Boxes)

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
County

\_\_\_\_\_  
State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person

(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code & Phone Number

\_\_\_\_ Training Manual(s) X \$40.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Check or Money Order Enclosed)



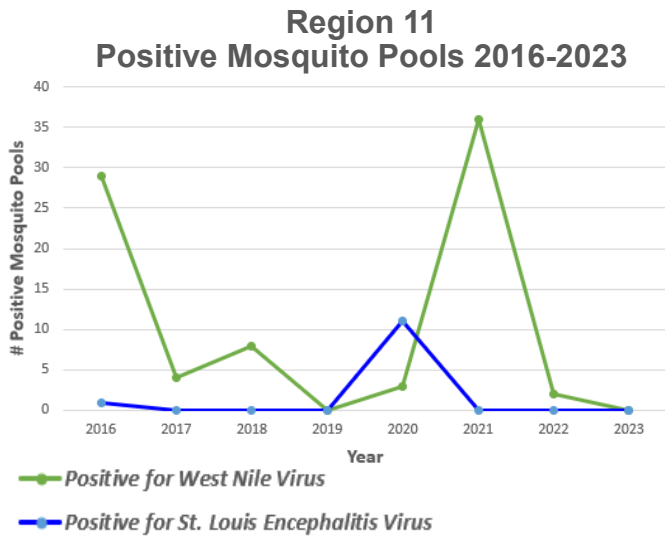
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## Positive Mosquito Pools

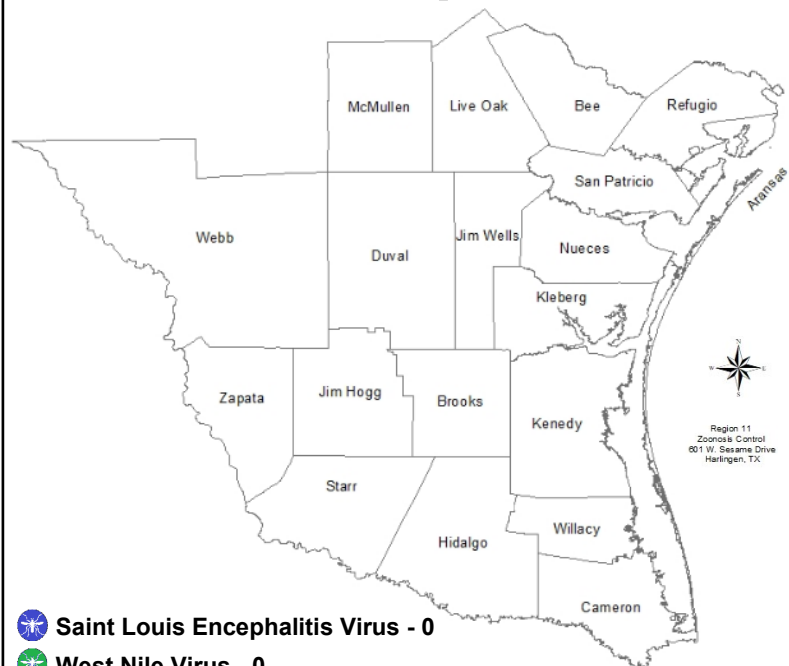
\*no positives 2019



	2023		2022		2021		2020		2018		2017		2016	
	WNV	SLEV	WNV	SLEV	WNV	SLEV	WNV	SLEV	WNV	SLEV	WNV	SLEV	WNV	SLEV
JANUARY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEBRUARY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MARCH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
APRIL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MAY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
JUNE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
JULY	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	10	1
AUGUST	0	0	0	0	19	0	1	6	1	0	0	0	9	0
SEPTEMBER	0	0	1	0	8	0	1	5	6	0	0	0	4	0
OCTOBER	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0
NOVEMBER	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
DECEMBER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1</b>



# 2023 Region 11 Positive Mosquito Pools



**DSHS LABORATORY-CONFIRMED POSITIVE MOSQUITO POOLS**

COUNTY	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
CAMERON	0	0	0	0	0
KLEBERG	0	0	0	0	0
NUECES	0	0	0	0	0
WEBB	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



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