Rabies is a fatal disease of the central nervous system. It is highly infectious and can be deadly to pets and wildlife. Rabies is endemic in many parts of the world. Rabies is a zoonosis, an infectious disease that can be transmitted from animals to humans and vice versa. It is typically spread through saliva of infected animals. In this image, we see a map of Maine showing the counties affected by rabies from 1998 to 2008. The map highlights the top four species, raccoons, skunks, bats, and foxes, found with rabies. These four species accounted for 96% of positive cases in Maine.

### Rabies Distribution in Maine

- **Raccoons**: 91 - 100 cases
- **Skunks**: 71 - 80 cases
- **Bats**: 19 - 21 cases
- **Foxes**: 7 - 9 cases

**Map Details**

- Projection: NAD 1983 Universal Transverse Mercator Zone 19
- Data Source: Health and Environmental Testing Lab and USDA APHIS Wildlife Services
- Positive Rabies Cases: Available at [Maine Office of GIS](http://apollo.ogis.state.me.us/catalog/)

**Additional Information**

- Rabies is a preventable disease. Vaccines are available for both pets and wildlife.
- Reporting of rabies cases is mandatory in Maine. Contact the Department of Health and Human Services for more information.