



Rabies in Goats

Rabies occurs infrequently in goats but should be a consideration for animals displaying any change in behavior or sign of paralysis.

Such signs could include:

- drooling,
- inability to swallow food,
- depression,
- aggression,
- stupor,
- weakness,
- circling,
- excitation,
- blindness or any repetitive action.

Rabies is always fatal once the animal is infected. A viral disease, rabies is transmissible to humans and all other mammals through contact with the saliva of infected animals and can be fatal if not treated aggressively. The usual route of infection is from bites by infected animals. The major reservoirs of the virus include skunks, bats, foxes and raccoons. No commercial vaccines are approved for use in goats, but vaccination is often recommended by veterinarians for rabies prevention in goats living in endemic rabies areas.

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