

Long Beach Veterinary Disease Reporting System (VDRS)

Why report?

Reporting via the **Veterinary Disease Reporting System (VDRS)** helps the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services (the Health Department) detect animal disease outbreaks and protect the public from illness. Data from reporting is used to create reports to share with veterinarians and to establish a baseline prevalence of communicable diseases among animals in Long Beach – allowing the Health Department to monitor for any increases in prevalence that could prompt heightened disease control efforts.



What must be reported

The state of California requires veterinarians to report:



Animal bites to humans from:

- Dogs
- Cats
- Wildlife
- Any mammal (except rodents or rabbits)

Including all potential/confirmed bat exposures.



The following six animal diseases:

- Anthrax
- Brucellosis (except *Brucella canis*)
- Plague
- Rabies (confirmed and suspect)
- Tularemia
- Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers



Animal bites to pets from wildlife

Including all potential or confirmed bat exposures.

Veterinarians are also encouraged to utilize the VDRS to report all other animal diseases and conditions listed on the **Animal Reportable Diseases and Conditions** list.

How to report

Report animal bites to humans, animal bites to pets from wildlife, and reportable animal diseases online via the **VDRS**.



For more information contact us at vph@longbeach.gov or during working hours at (562) 570-4302.

