

# Rabies Alert

For those at the first point of contact for enquiries from the traveller...



- ✓ **DO NOT** book them in to see the doctor or nurse in the next routine appointment available
- ✓ **DEAL WITH THIS ISSUE ON THE DAY** - it is important this call or online enquiry is dealt with on the day it is taken
- ✓ Take details of the patient including contact numbers
- ✓ **Inform a healthcare professional\* about the issue as soon as possible**

## FOR ALL GP SURGERIES

If you are a receptionist and you take a call from a patient who reports they had been abroad and experienced contact with a dog, cat, monkey, bat etc. (it could be any warm blooded mammal) and they were concerned about rabies - **what would you do?**

For more general information about rabies, see the NHS website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/rabies/>

**And also** NaTHNaC information on Travel Health Pro at [NaTHNaC - Rabies](#)

### Rabies

Rabies occurs in warm-blooded mammals and is transmitted to humans, most often by a bite or scratch from an infected animal, usually a dog



\* Healthcare professionals should then follow the rabies post exposure guidance as found in the Rabies Chapter (27) of the **'Green Book', *Immunisation against infectious disease*** at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rabies-the-green-book-chapter-27>