## Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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## \*\*\*Rabies Alert\*\*\*

JACKSONVILLE, FL – Duval County's second rabies alert of the year has been issued for the Mandarin area of Jacksonville. The alert is in effect through October 25, 2013.

The rabies alert area is bordered on the south by Julington Creek at Duval/St. Johns County Line,, on the north by Loretto Road at San Jose Boulevard, on the west by Orange Picker Road at Mandarin Road, and east by Julington Creek Road at Aladdin Road.

The alert follows the discovery of a rabid bat in the Mandarin area of Jacksonville. After further investigation it has been determined that human exposure was involved in this alert. As a precaution, pet owners should maintain control of their pets at all times, and be certain that each has received current rabies immunization shots from a licensed veterinarian.

Stray animals should be reported to the City of Jacksonville Animal Care and Protective Services at 630-2489.

For further information or to report animal bites, contact Rabies Control at 253-1280.