

## Massachusetts Department of Public Health

### Checklist for teachers or animal control officers presenting the PowerPoint presentation “Rabies: What kids need to know”

The following items will help your presentation run smoothly:

- ❑ The PowerPoint file on a CD ROM or file format that is compatible with the disk drive you'll be using. Projector (LCD or other that is compatible with your computer)
- ❑ Computer—a laptop is generally easiest because you can set it up anywhere
- ❑ A screen or available blank wall (preferably white)
- ❑ 1 or 2 long extension cords (one each for the computer and projector)
- ❑ Microphones— if large space with a lot of children
- ❑ A printout of the notes for the presentation. These are available in PDF format on <http://www.mass.gov/dph/rabies>, or you can print them directly from the PowerPoint file.
- ❑ (Optional) Copies of the PowerPoint presentation for each teacher. A PDF version with six slides per page is available for printing at <http://www.mass.gov/dph/rabies>
- ❑ A copy of the MDPH Rabies Curriculum for each teacher ((Optional) Copies of the PowerPoint presentation for each teacher. A PDF version with six slides per page is available for printing at <http://www.mass.gov/dph/rabies>
- ❑ At least one rabies handout for each child to bring home to educate their parents about the need to vaccinate family pets — a useful one is the “Rabies Reminders”
- ❑ A rabies poster for each classroom

**Note:** Be sure to go through the presentation on your computer before you present it to the kids, to familiarize yourself with the transitions from one slide to the next and the way the presentation is designed to reveal the answers only after the kids have had a chance to guess.

**Suggestion:** Extend an invitation to your local veterinarian, animal inspector or animal control officer. Kids really enjoy asking them questions about animals, and they can talk about their work and what they do to protect themselves from rabies.

**Rabies Information:** If you would like more information on rabies, please go to our website, (Optional) Copies of the PowerPoint presentation for each teacher. A PDF version with six slides per page is available for printing at <http://www.mass.gov/dph/rabies>  
A very useful document is the [2006 Rabies Control Plan for Cities and Towns](#), which can be found in the section, “Information for Local Boards of Health” of the rabies webpage at <http://www.mass.gov/dph/rabies>.

In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is an excellent source of information about rabies. The website is <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvrd/rabies>.

#### **A tip about Questions and Answers:**

In our experience, a favorite question is “Can (*this animal*) get rabies?”

The best way to answer the question is to find out if the animal in question is a mammal. If it is, then rabies is possible. If it isn't, then rabies is not possible. Mammals in the ocean, like whales, are at low risk because they don't usually encounter rabid animals that could transmit it to them.

**We love feedback!** If you give this presentation at your school, let us know how it went. Call the Health Education Unit of the Division of Epidemiology and Immunization (617-983-6856) and ask to speak to a health educator.

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