

# THE NEW APPROACH TO RABIES IN COAHUILA

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## INTRODUCTION

The perception of rabies in Mexico has undergone a significant change in recent years. Since Mexico was recognized in 2019 as a country free of human rabies transmitted by dogs, a mistaken belief has emerged in the population that rabies no longer exists, which is a misunderstanding of the meaning of such recognition.

## METHODS

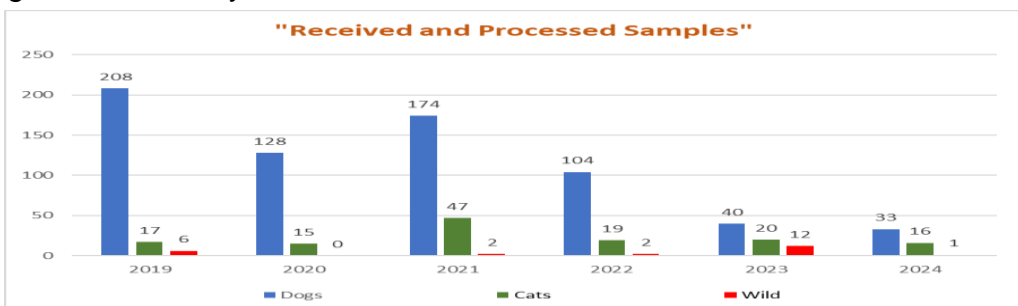
- The rabies virus is actively circulating in other animal species.
- There is still a need to rigorously monitor and control wildlife.
- In Coahuila, work continues on monitoring and identifying the virus by IFD, especially in bats.



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## RESULTS

Received samples are limited; positive cases are rare. This is not due to the absence of the virus in these species, but to the official barriers imposed to carry out surveillance, which has fallen significantly in recent years due also, the intervention of animal protection associations. That generates a very limited surveillance.



## CONCLUSION

We are therefore faced with the challenge of an increase in aggression from infected animals and an increased risk of contracting the disease. However, we remain vigilant and working despite these obstacles.

Greater vigilance and commitment by all involved is crucial to obtain results that reflect the reality of the circulation of the virus in our environment and not just rely on the expectation of an outcome that is clearly not the desired one.



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