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The Colorado Rabies Resource Guide is now available. This document is a resource for the surveillance, prevention and control of rabies in Colorado. The target audience is “first responders” to rabies: local public health officials, animal control agencies, veterinarians and veterinary clinic staff, animal health officials, wildlife officials, wildlife control operators, and wildlife rehabilitators. Contents include a communication protocol; submission guidelines for rabies testing; quarantine requirements for dogs and cats exposed to suspect rabid animals; roles, responsibilities and resources of various agencies and associations; regulations related to rabies; and contact information for animal control, public health, and wildlife officials. This document was drafted by the Colorado Rabies (CORAB) Task Force, a self appointed group which first met on June 21, 2010. The mission of CORAB is to coordinate state, local, and federal resources for protection of public health, wildlife health, and domestic animal health from rabies in Colorado.

The latest version of this guidance document is available on the Colorado Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) member’s only webpage ([www.colovma.org](http://www.colovma.org)), Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) portal called Situational Awareness Tool (SATool), the Colorado Association of Animal Control Officers (CAACO) member’s only webpage ([www.caaco.org](http://www.caaco.org)), or by contacting CDPHE at 303-692-2700. CDPHE staff can email the document to requesters, after validating that the requester is a member of this target audience. At this time, due to some of the content, this document will not be posted on the webpage intended for the public.

For access via the CDPHE SaTool:

The Colorado Situational Awareness Tool (SATool) provides access to a host of information sharing capabilities, including document sharing. The **Rabies Community** on the SATool shares guidance and reference materials for rabies response in Colorado that are not necessarily available to the general public through the CDPHE website. Instructions for accessing the **Rabies Community** on the SATool can be found below.

- **Creating a New Account:** Go to [www.satool.org](http://www.satool.org) and click on “**Create Account**”. Enter the requested information and click “**Save**”. You now have a SATool account. Your account password will be emailed to you.
- **Accessing the Rabies Community:** On the SATool home page, you will see a list of available communities. Follow the instructions listed next to the **Rabies Community** on how to access this community.