Since 1997, Ohio has been distributing a vaccine that orally vaccinates wild raccoons against rabies. A fishmeal coated vaccine packet is dropped from low-flying aircraft. Local teams on foot or in vehicles distribute the same vaccine enclosed in a fishmeal block.

**This year’s operation will occur between:**

**August 29 – October 3**

**What if I find raccoon bait?**

Baits should be left alone—but intact baits can be moved if they are found where children and pets play. Damaged baits should be bagged, and disposed in the trash.

- Wear gloves or use a paper towel when picking up the bait.
- Toss intact baits into a fencerow, woodlot, ditch or other raccoon habitat area.
- Wash your hands after any skin contact with damaged bait.

**What if my pet eats the bait?**

- A few baits are not harmful, although eating a lot may cause vomiting or diarrhea.
- Do not risk getting bitten by taking bait away from your pet.
- Confine your pet for a couple of days, and check the area for more baits.
- If your pet ate baits, avoid your pet’s saliva for 24 hours, and wash skin or wounds that may have been licked.

**Questions about ORV or bait you have found?**

Call the Rabies Information Line at 888-722-4371 or 614-752-1029 or your local health department at: