Since 1997, Ohio has been distributing a vaccine that orally vaccinates wild raccoons against rabies. The vaccine is in a plastic sachet which is placed inside a fishmeal block. The block is dropped from a low-flying helicopter in rural areas or distributed by hand or from vehicles in urban neighborhoods.

Vaccine-laden baits will be distributed between:

May 2 to May 20, 2011

What if I find rabies 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 fence row, 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 1-888-722-4371 or 614-752-1029 or your local health department at: