# **Rabies** Prevention

#### Checklist for <u>Protecting Your Pets!</u>



- Make sure your pets get and stay vaccinated, and make sure they wear their tags.
- Consider keeping your pets indoors.
- Call animal control to take wild or stray animals away.
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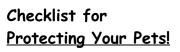
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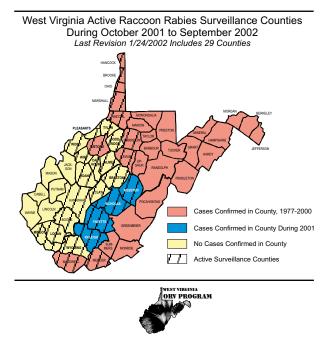
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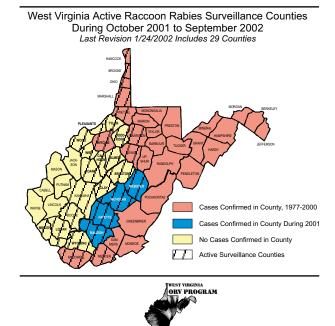
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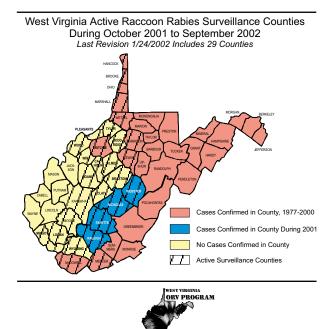
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