



BAT SPECIMEN—A small bat which was captured at the Central Point grade school Friday morning by Jackson county public health officials is spread out on a piece of paper. Chief Sanitarian Orle Moore laid a ruler by the bat and spread out its wings to indicate the size of the bat. One bat in Jackson county was found to have rabies last week. Two rabid bats were found in Klamath county. Moore warned anyone discovering a bat or any other animal which appeared sick not to touch it, but to call the public health department.

Dogs, Cats Should Be Innoculated, Veterinarian Says

All Jackson county dogs and cats should be inoculated for rabies as soon as possible, local veterinarians are advising.

Dr. B. J. Gitzen, Medford veterinarian, said veterinarians have agreed to reduce their fees so an adequate program can be started here.

It is particularly important to inoculate hunting dogs now, he said, because it takes 30 days for the dogs to develop immunity. If the rabies problem becomes serious, the county, and possibly the state, could be quarantined, and then only dogs which have received immunization could be taken out of the county or state, Dr. Gitzen added.

A rabid bat was found in downtown Medford about two weeks ago, rabid bats have

been found in Klamath county and a rabid dog in Curry county. The latter resulted in Curry county being quarantined.

On Vaccination Crew
Drs. Gitzen, Medford, Leonard Wood, Grants Pass, Robert Whittaker, Myrtle Point, served on a vaccination crew for the Oregon Veterinary Medical association in Curry county last week when the largest mass animal vaccination clinic in the state's history ended. Over 2,000 animals received the anti-rabies shots. Mostly dogs and a few cats were given the vaccine supplied by the Curry county board of health.

Dr. Monroe A. Holmes, public health veterinarian, state board of health, Portland, supervised the clinic assisted by Mrs. Vivien Runtie, nurse epidemiologist, and Frank Smith, health educator.

The clinic was arranged after a rabid dog attacked a Gold Beach man late in September.

Two cases of bats with rabies were reported from Klamath county recently. About 800 bats were discovered in one building there, according to reports.

Migrate Southward
State public health authorities believe the insect and fruit eating bats from this two-county area migrated to California or Mexico where they were bitten by rabid Mexican vampire bats. It takes from 10 days to six months for the rabies virus to fully develop within an animal, Dr. Holmes said.

It is particularly important to inoculate dogs since they live so close to humans, Dr. Holmes urged. Medford is in a particular danger spot since rabies cases in dogs were reported only 70 miles away, in Shasta county, Calif., not long ago.

The public health department veterinarian said he did not know if bats are more plentiful in this area than before. Whether bats have a more lethal strain of rabies virus than other mammals is an academic question, he added.

Space Course to Be Offered Cadets

A new "space age orientation course" for male cadets has been scheduled for the Civil Air Patrol for next summer at Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, Ill.

The Medford CAP announced Friday that the course is planned "to keep pace with the Air Force concept of aerospace." The Air Force missile training command will open its doors to CAP Cadets for the first time at the special course. One cadet from each wing is to attend.

The Medford squadron of the Oregon wing meets every Monday night at the CAP building at the Medford airport. Boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 17 are eligible to become cadets. Senior membership is open to those 18 years old or older.

Additional information may be obtained from Warrant Officer Mary Hall, SPring 3-3505.

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