

DISTEMPER ALERT

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Baby Raccoon sick with Distemper.

Distemper is a disease caused by a virus. Distemper infections are occurring in raccoons and other wildlife all over Los Angeles County. Symptoms include lethargy, crusty or gummy discharge in the eyes or nose, acting disoriented, and sometimes seizures. This virus is contagious to dogs, but not to people.

What should I do?

- Keep your dog away from raccoons.
- Make sure your dog's Distemper (DHLPP) vaccination booster is up-to-date.
- If your dog is sick, keep it away from other dogs and contact your veterinarian.
- NEVER FEED WILDLIFE. Keep pet food and water bowls indoors, especially at night.
- If you encounter a sick raccoon, call your local animal control agency. For a list, see publichealth.lacounty.gov/vet/AnimalControlList.htm