1) Rabies is a viral disease of mammals
   a. Transmissible from non-human animals to humans
   b. Vaccines are available for many species
   c. There is NO treatment that works after clinical signs begin
   d. Rabies is essentially 100% fatal in these cases in humans and non-human animals

2) Transmission
   a. Typically bites of infected animal
      i. Can take up to 6 months for clinical signs to develop in non-human animals after a bite
   b. Non-bite exposures
      i. Scratches
      ii. Contact with brain, spinal cord, other infectious material
      iii. Through broken skin or mucous membranes (e.g. eyes, mouth, nose)

3) Vaccines
   a. Dogs, cats, ferrets required in NH (RSA 436:99-109)
   b. Requires licensed NH veterinarian to administer for these vaccines
   c. Science based on Rabies Compendium published annually by National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians
      i. Recommend veterinary control of administration
      ii. One and three year vaccines depending on manufacturer
   d. Strongly recommended by state veterinarian based on this guidance to have all animals in public events with potential human/public contact (e.g. fairs, etc.) vaccinated by a licensed veterinarian for participation

4) More information
   a. NH Department of Agriculture, 603.271.2404
   b. NH Department of Health and Human Services, 603.271.4820