

## **Appendix:**

### **Training Opportunities**

The N.C. Public Health Veterinarians and other Communicable Disease Branch program staff are available to assist local health departments, Animal Control, and healthcare providers 24/7 with rabies exposure assessments and other rabies issues. In combination with medical epidemiologists and subject matter experts, they provide telephone and on-site consultation, investigative support and technical assistance in each of the communicable disease group areas, including rabies (telephone 919-733-3419).

The Branch's Technical Assistance & Training Program (TATP) (<http://epi.publichealth.nc.gov/cd/lhds/tatp.html>) provides monthly conference calls, annual conferences, regional trainings and webinars on communicable disease surveillance and investigation, treatment guidelines, outbreak response, risk communication, disease reporting and control measures, clinical services and more for local and state health department staff.

In addition, the Public Health Veterinarians in the N.C. Communicable Disease Branch train and certify the Certified Rabies Vaccinators (CRV) ([http://epi.publichealth.nc.gov/cd/lhds/manuals/rabies/docs/crv\\_program.pdf](http://epi.publichealth.nc.gov/cd/lhds/manuals/rabies/docs/crv_program.pdf)) who are appointed by local health directors to staff county rabies vaccination clinics.

The Public Health Veterinarians also provide rabies education and training upon request to local health departments, hospital emergency departments, animal control agencies, environmental health agencies, wildlife damage control agents, the North Carolina Veterinary Conference, groups of university veterinary school students, and other groups. Contact VPH at 919-733-3419.