**Causative Agent:** Rhabdovirus

**Mode of Transmission:** Direct contact with infected saliva into break in skin or mucous membranes; animal bite

**Incubation Period:** Human: 10 days-3 months (up to years; depends on location of bite/exposure)

Animal: 10 days-6 months

**Clinical Signs Human:** Headache; fever; general ill-being; abnormal behavior; weakness or paralysis; difficulty swallowing; delirium; convulsions; death

**Clinical Signs Animal:** Distress and extreme agitation (which may resemble colic symptoms); unexplained paralysis or behavioral changes; death

**Control and Prevention:** Wear gloves when handling suspect animals; vaccination program for animals and individuals at high risk

**Comments:** seek medical attention immediately if exposure is suspected; person to person transmission has been observed.