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Oral Rabies Vaccination Program Begins

South Padre Island, TX, January 23, 2026: The City of South Padre Island Environmental Health Services Team will assist the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Zoonosis Control Division with the Oral Rabies Vaccination Program.

The Environmental Health Services Department team has participated in the program for 15 years," stated Environmental Health Director Victor Baldovinos. "Our participation in the program is necessary to be included in the state's effort in eliminating the dog strain of rabies potentially carried by coyotes."

Baits containing the rabies vaccine will be distributed on Thursday, January 29, 2026, weather permitting, throughout the City in non-populated areas that may attract coyotes. The baits are made of a fishmeal casing with a pouch in the center that contains the rabies vaccine.

The public is advised to avoid disturbing the baits, which are clearly marked with warning signs. If a person or animal comes into contact with the bait, please contact the Texas Department of State Health Services at (956) 444-3212 or visit www.texasorvp.org.

