

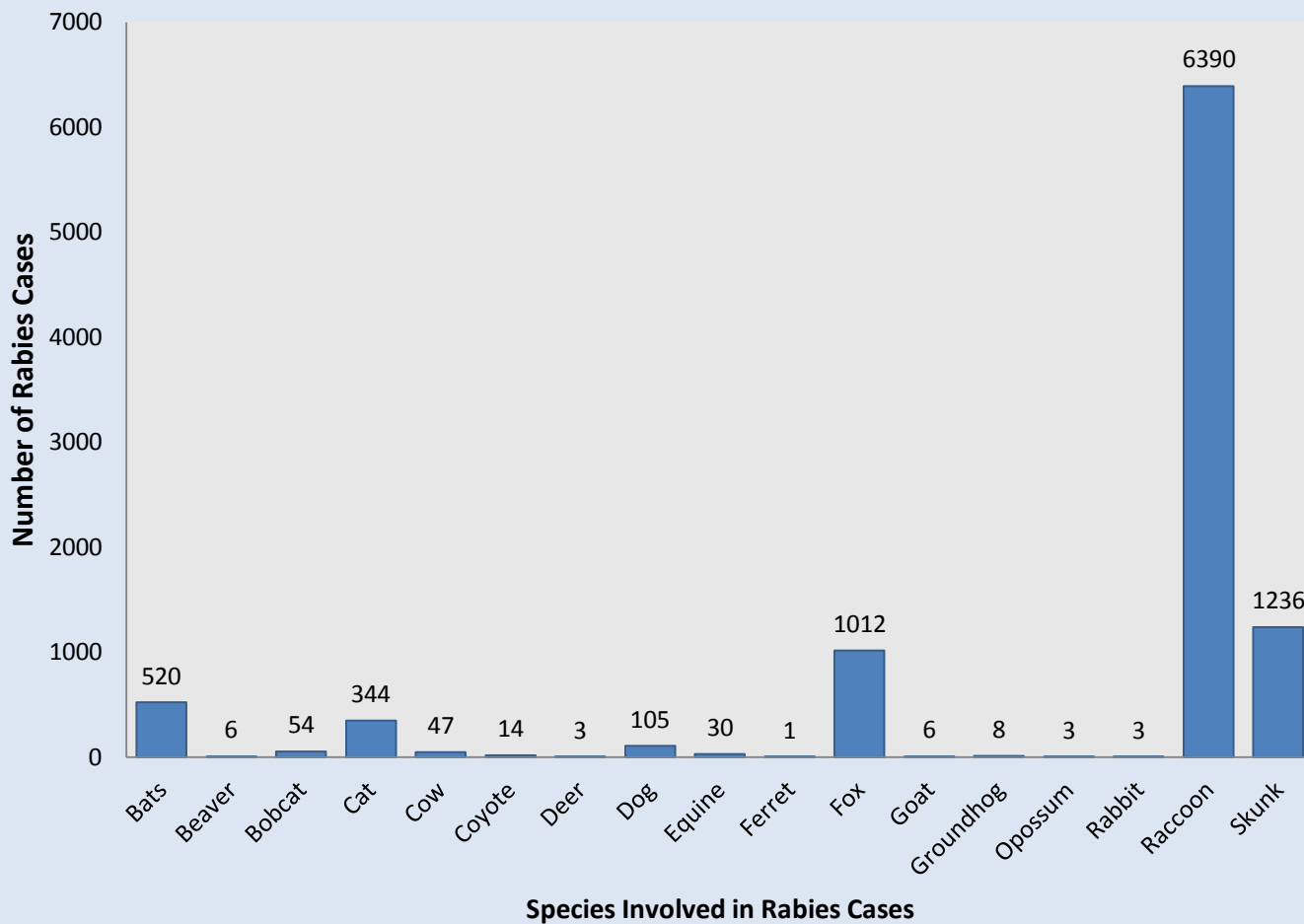
If You Choose to Dislike Coyotes, Know the Real Reasons Why

According to NC Department of Health and Human Services, based on data collected between 1990 and 2011, 1.9% of North Carolina animal rabies cases occurred in Buncombe County. 1.6% of those were caused by coyotes.

0.14% of all rabies cases in North Carolina were caused by coyotes.

The culprits most likely to cause animal rabies cases in North Carolina include bats, cats, foxes, raccoons, and skunks. Even cows have a higher probability of rabies than coyotes!

Animal Rabies Cases in North Carolina from 1990 - 2011



More than 65% of all animal rabies cases in NC were caused by Raccoons. Populations of meso-carnivores, like raccoons, have been shown to decline in the presence of coyotes. In this instance, a higher coyote population may actually decrease the spread of rabies.

Comparing the results from a study by Rick Langley from the Division of Public Health in Raleigh, NC (2009) and the Cook County, IL Coyote Project, it can be seen that injuries resulting from dog bites are a much greater problem in the United States alone than coyote attacks in the US and Canada combined. In fact, only two coyote-related fatalities have ever been reported in the US and Canada. In comparison, there are approximately 19 dog-bite related deaths **per year** in the United States alone!

Coyote Attacks vs Dog Bites in the US

