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### **Ohio National Guard Soldiers help dispense rabies vaccine**

Columbus, Ohio – Eight Soldiers from the Ohio Army National Guard's Newton Falls-based 1192 Engineer Company will assist the Ohio Department of Health in the distribution of its Anti-Rabies Vaccine Aug. 31-Sept. 5 throughout the eastern Ohio area.

The Ohio Department of Health began the Anti-Rabies program in 1997 and an oral rabies vaccine will be distributed in rural areas along a 25-mile wide zone adjacent to the Pennsylvania and West Virginia borders. The Ohio National Guard has provided manpower in support of this program since 2000.

A pouch of the vaccine is placed in fishmeal bait, distributed by crews on the ground or from small airplanes, where the bait is dropped through a small hole at the bottom of the plane by a conveyor belt.

The Ohio Army National Guard Soldiers assisting the operation will be loading and unloading the vaccines into either ground vehicles or small airplanes.

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