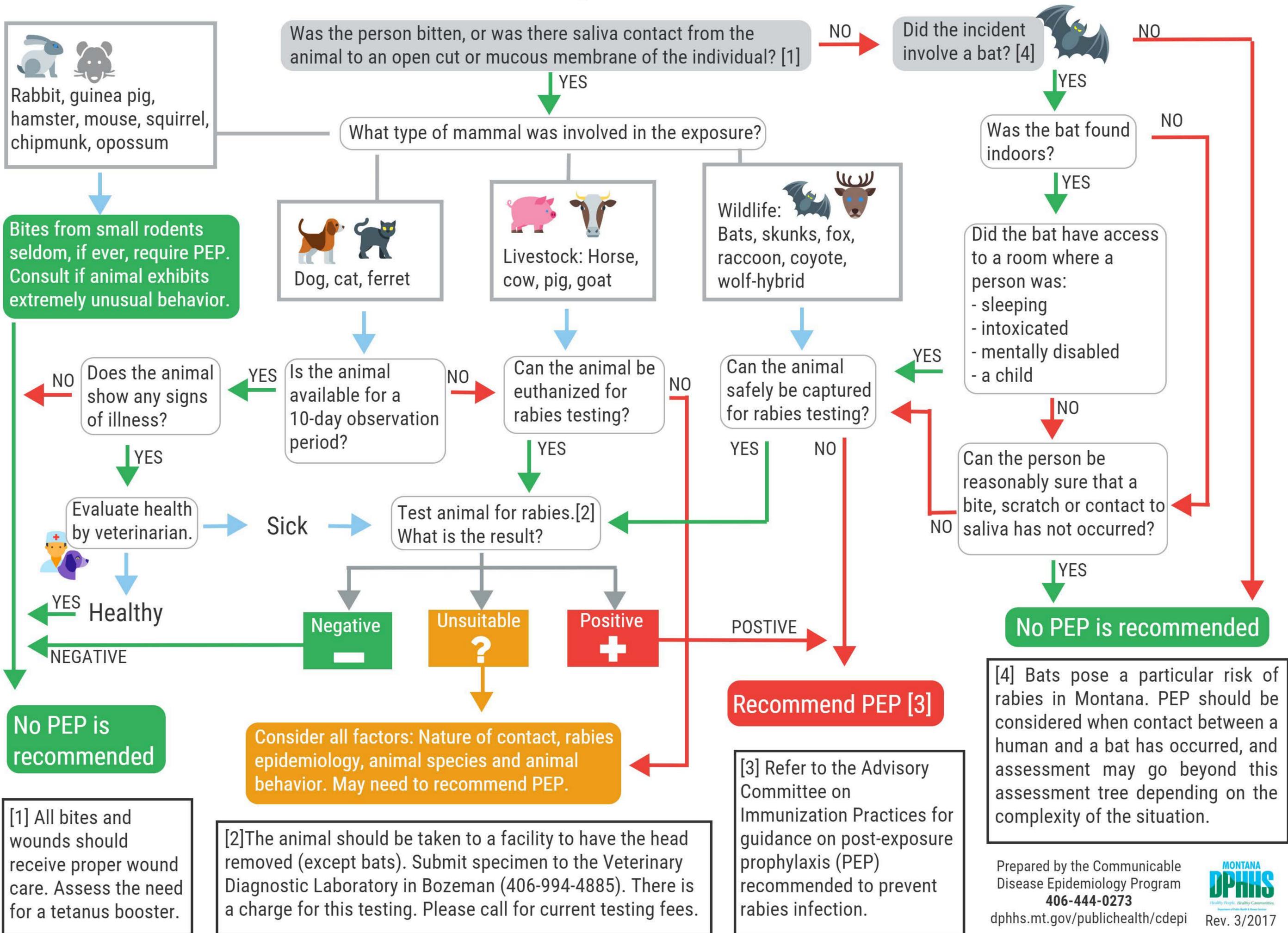


Montana Rabies Exposure Assessment Tree



[1] All bites and wounds should receive proper wound care. Assess the need for a tetanus booster.

[2] The animal should be taken to a facility to have the head removed (except bats). Submit specimen to the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory in Bozeman (406-994-4885). There is a charge for this testing. Please call for current testing fees.

[3] Refer to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for guidance on post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) recommended to prevent rabies infection.

[4] Bats pose a particular risk of rabies in Montana. PEP should be considered when contact between a human and a bat has occurred, and assessment may go beyond this assessment tree depending on the complexity of the situation.