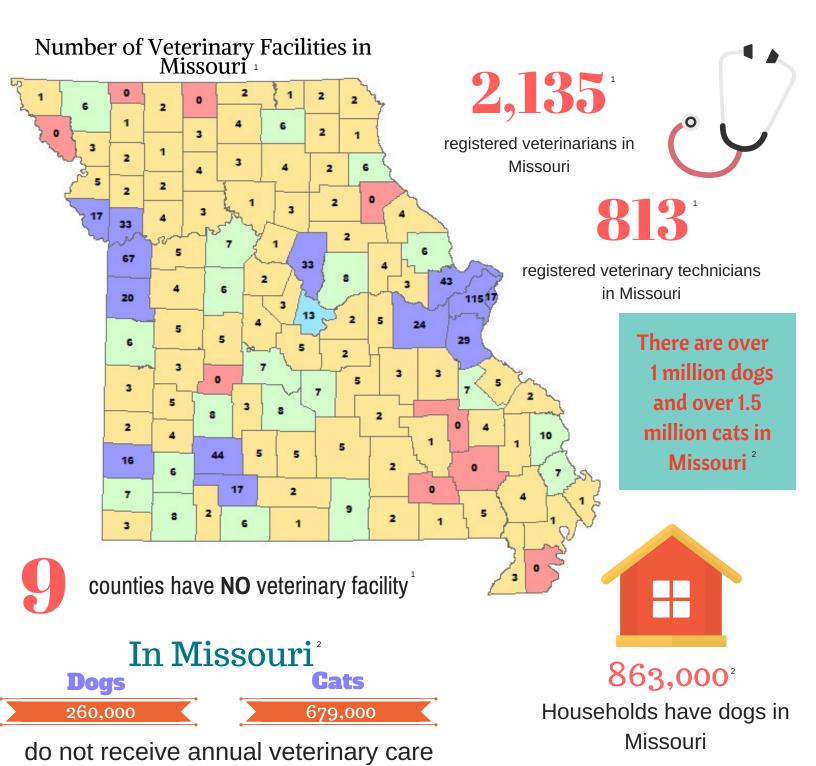
Veterinary Services

in Rural Missouri



718,000²

Households have cats in Missouri



Why is veterinary care important to human health?

- · In the state of Missouri only licensed veterinarians are allowed to administer rabies vaccinations
- Zoonotic diseases, such as parasites, are often acquired through domestic pets, and are often preventable with proper veterinary care
- Approximately 60% of all human diseases and 75% of all emerging infectious diseases originate from animals 5

• E. coli

Influenza

Rabies

Scabies

Ringworm

Salmonella

Tularemia

Toxoplasmosis

Leptospirosis

Psittacossis (Parrot Fever)

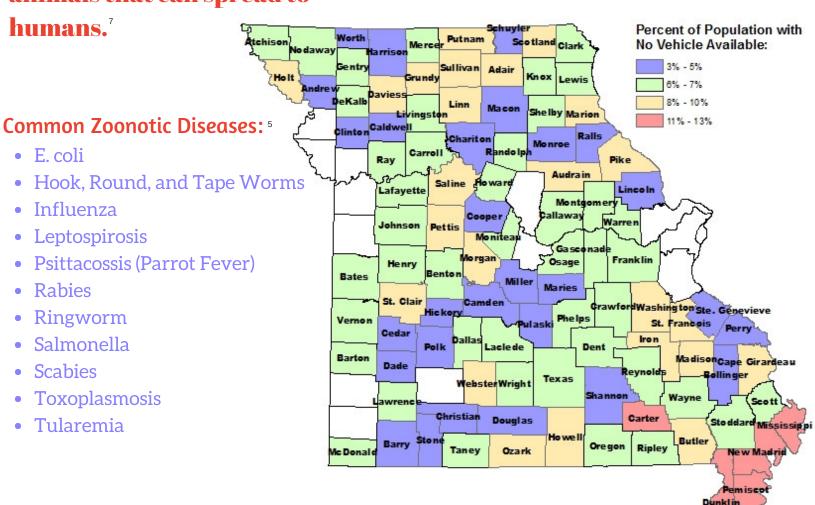
Zoonotic diseases are carried by animals that can spread to humans.

animals have tested positive for rabies in the past decade in



Why rural areas have difficulty accessing veterinary care:

Transportation is one of the biggest concerns for pet owners in rural areas. Many owners will not seek regular veterinary care for their pets because the closest vet is too far away, and they do not have adequate transportation to get there.



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