# Ministry of Natural Resources

# Rabies vaccine-bait identification

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There is currently one type of vaccine bait, the Ultra-lite containing ONRAB®, that is used in Ontario for both fox strain and raccoon strain rabies control. Exposure to the bait is not harmful to people or pets; however, in the unlikely event that people or pets come in contact with the vaccine contained in the bait, contacting a doctor or veterinarian as a precaution is recommended.

### **Bait Ingredients**

The bait formula coats the blister pack containing the vaccine. This formula consists of vegetable based fats, wax, icing sugar, vegetable oil, artificial marshmallow flavour and dark-green food grade fat-soluble dye.

## Blister-pack (Vaccine Carrier)

#### Ultra-lite

This is a polyvinyl chloride (PVC) blister pack (40 mm x 22 mm x 10 mm) which weighs approximately 4.3 grams. The blister pack is a teal green polyester flocked container with a heat-sealed laminated polyester lidding. The body of the blister pack is embedded in the bait matrix but the green lidding is exposed and has a black warning label printed on it.

#### Vaccine in Baits

ONRAB® oral rabies vaccine

Description: a recombinant live virus liquid vaccine

Volume/bait:  $1.8 \pm 0.1$  ml in the blister pack

Other inclusions: vaccine stabilizers Colour: pale orange to pale pink Target species: skunk, fox, and raccoon



Ultra-lite vaccine bait

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