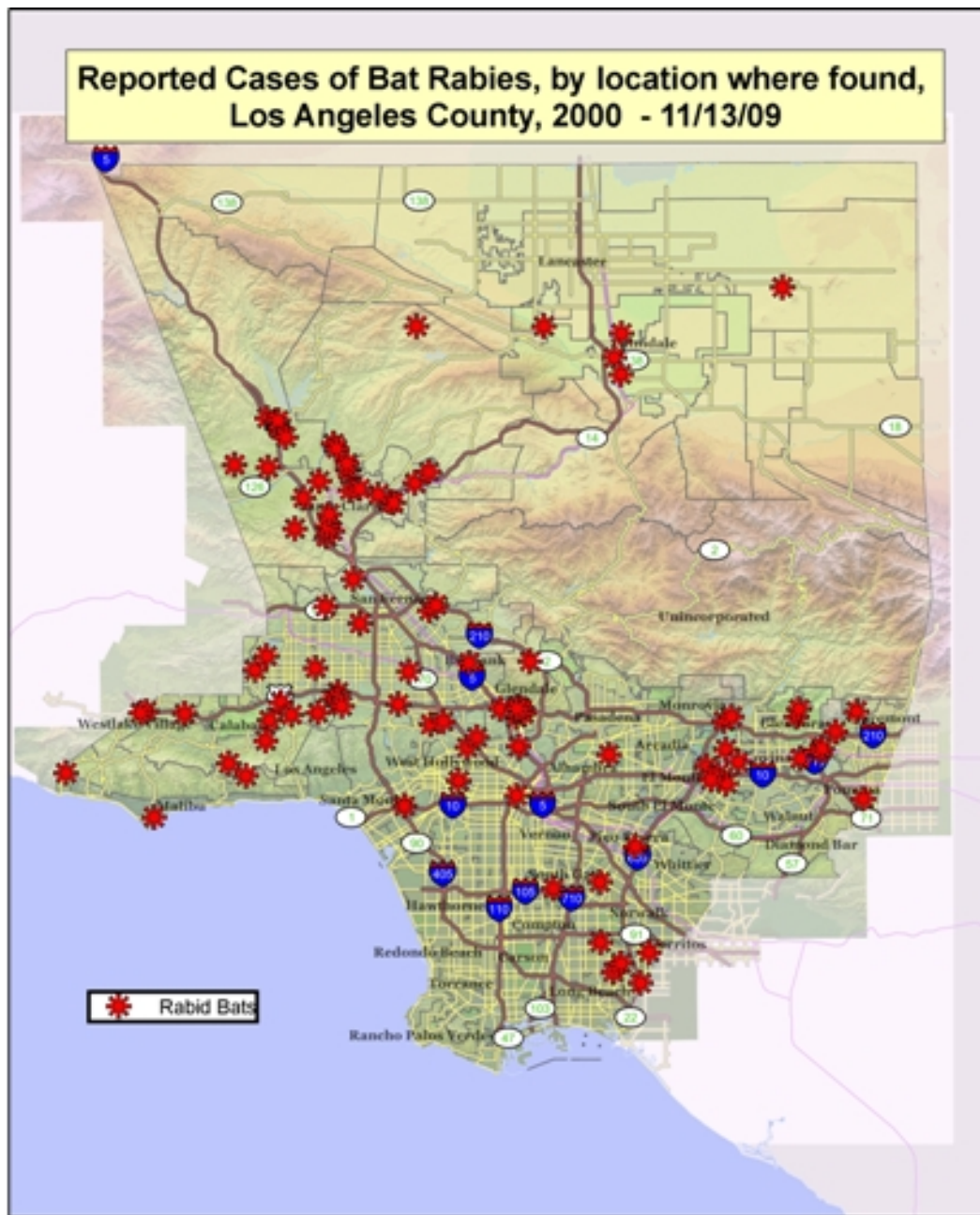
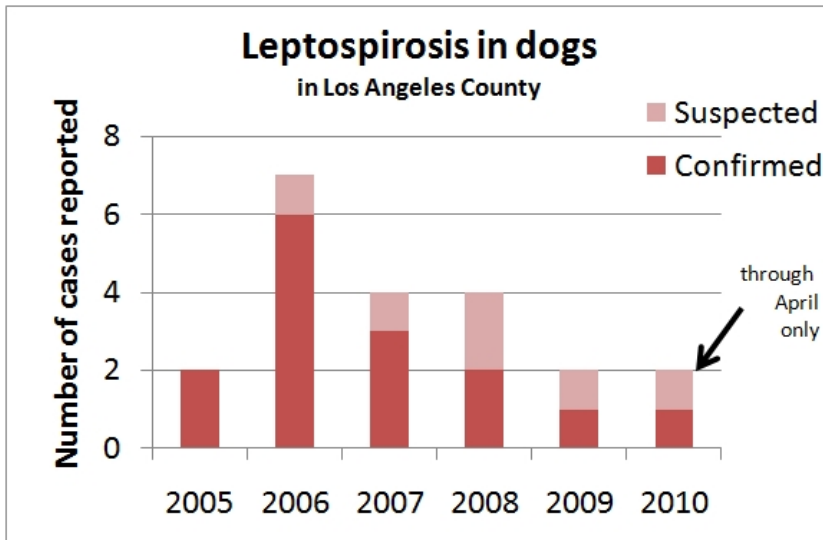


Rabies 2000-2009



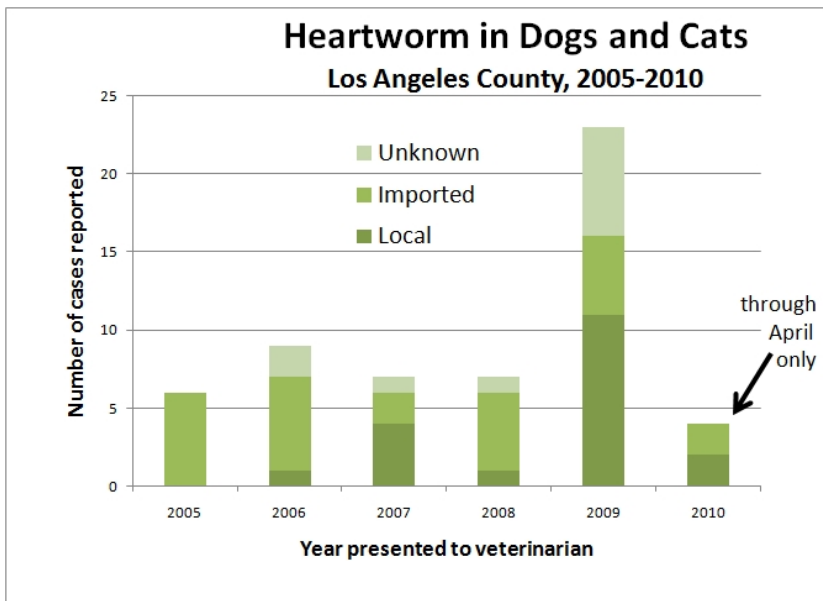
- Rabid bats have been detected throughout most of the county over the last 10 years.
- **2010 Rabies update through April.** Two rabid bats have been found so far. One was found hanging on a wall at a golf course (Van Nuys 3/26/10). The second was clinging to side of house for 4 days before falling to the ground (Santa Clarita 4/2/10).

Lepto Update



- Top serovars: autumnalis, pomona, bratislava, caniola, ictero.
- Many cases were locally-acquired.

Heartworm Update



- In 2009, a cluster of six cases was detected in the western end of the San Gabriel Valley.
- March and April 2010, the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control district noted a large increase in Treehole Mosquitoes (*Aedes sierrensis*) which are an ideal vector for heartworms.

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Selected Animal Disease Reports

Disease	Species	All of 2009	2010 to 5/13
Canine influenza*		5	0
Coccidioidomycosis*	dogs and cats	2	0
Distemper*	dogs	42	2
	raccoons	94	92
	foxes	0	3
	skunks	6	7
	coyotes	5	0
Ehrlichiosis* - dogs		0	1
Heartworm Disease - dogs		25	4
Leptospirosis* - dogs		2	2
Lyme Disease* - dogs		0	0
MRSA, MRSP, MRSS	dogs, cats, bird	16	4
Panleukopenia* - cats		16	2
Parvovirus* - dogs		210	22
Rabid bats		12	2
Spotted Fever Rickettsiosis* - dogs		2	0
Salmon Poisoning Disease - dogs		1	2
West Nile Virus - dead birds		82	3
Cases listed by year of presentation to veterinarian			
* indicates that both confirmed and probable cases are included. Otherwise totals include only confirmed cases.			
Reported cases are primarily locally-acquired, although totals include imported cases as well. These and other animal diseases are reportable in LA County. For more information, see website or call. Totals as of 5/13/10.			

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- No confirmed canine influenza (Influenza A H3N8) cases have been reported in LA County since 2007
- Influenza A (H1N1) was confirmed in an LA County cat. The cat had very mild illness. Diagnosis was confirmed by a PCR positive result on combined pharyngeal and conjunctival swabs. The owner had been ill earlier and had had a confirmed case of influenza A (H1N1).
- Systemic histoplasmosis was reported in 4 cats. Two cats were in one home and were “indoor only.”
- In winter 2008-2009 Hemorrhagic gastroenteritis (HGE) surged again in West Valley area. The cause of this clustering is unknown.
- Systemic, fatal *Mesocestoides* was diagnosed in a West LA dog.
- A large, countywide outbreak of distemper in wildlife began in 2009 and is continuing into 2010. The outbreak involves primarily raccoons, with cases involving skunks and foxes.
- Distemper and parvovirus are being tracked more closely in Los Angeles County dogs.
- Foreign Puppy Mills continue to be a problem. **Remember to report any ill animal seen in your clinic when you suspect the animal was recently imported.** Each year, millions of animals and thousands of dogs are imported into the United States, and many are not inspected on entry. Often puppies are shipped before they are 8 weeks old, and many become ill after they are sold to unsuspecting buyers. This constant flow of puppies poses a public health threat, as these animals may bring in diseases (such as canine rabies) that are not found locally.
- In 2008 and 2009, the Veterinary Public Health program participated in multi-agency surveys of animals imported through the Los Angeles International Airport. During both surveys, dogs were examined and found to be much younger than was noted on their health certificate, some dogs appeared to be sick, and some had external parasites. By listing a dog's age as over 4 months old, even when they are only 6 - 8 weeks old, the dog importer is able to avoid the federally-required rabies confinement and sell the puppies immediately. The most common breeds seen were Bulldogs, Yorkies, German Shepherds and Labradors, but over 50 breeds were represented in the 5 weeks of inspections. So, checking out a newly purchased purebred or small mixed breed puppy, remember it may have just arrived in our country a few days ago. *Don't rule out diseases just because they are not normally seen in our county.*