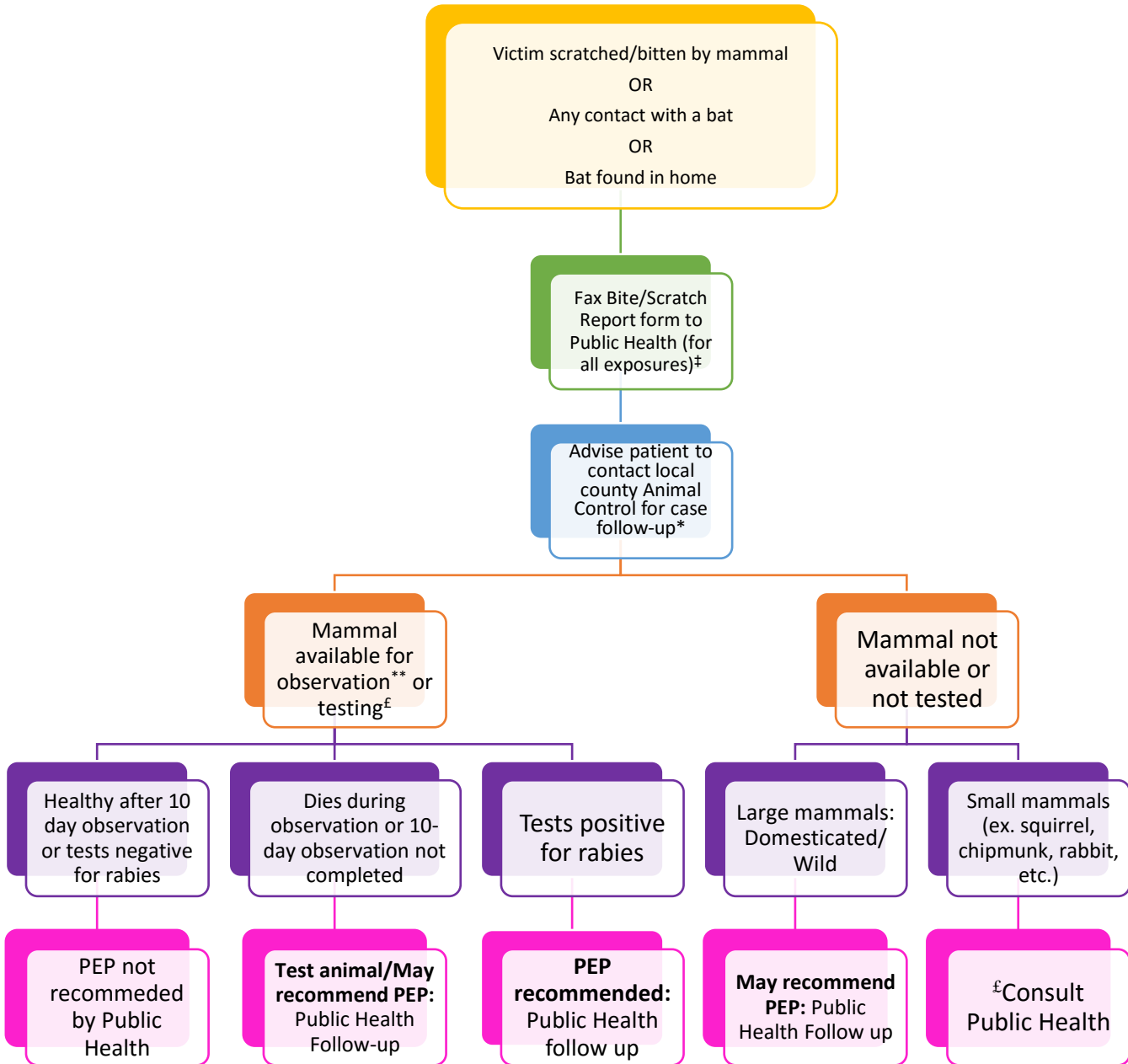


Animal Bite/Scratch Reporting



‡Both Bite/scratch and non-bite/scratch cases (i.e. bat in home) and/or post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) recommendations vary, please consult Public Health for advisement. Please ask all patients about recent travel history as rabies epidemiology and its effect on follow-up may vary based on country of exposure.

Animal Control Dispatch Numbers: Cobb County – (770) 499-4136, Douglas County – (770) 942-5961

CDPH Epidemiology: 770-514-2432, FAX 770-514-2313, GA Poison Center: 800-222-1222

*Public Health will follow up on all cases if no Animal Control report is received to verify health status of animal after observation or testing. Large wild mammals (raccoons, bats, etc.) will be tested immediately if available.

**Dogs, cats, and ferrets that bite or scratch a human or domestic animal should undergo a 10 day observation. Livestock observational period length is dependent upon type & size of animal. Wildlife and bats should be euthanized and tested, observation periods are not accepted.

‡Small mammals (squirrels, chipmunks, etc.) are normally not approved for testing, but will be evaluated on a case-by-case scenario.