



# USAG Wiesbaden

## *Community Update on Rabbit Fever (Tularemia)*

### **What You Need to Know in the Wiesbaden Area**

Tularemia, or “rabbit fever,” has been confirmed in about 10 cases in Hesse since early 2023, with isolated infections reported in the Wiesbaden area.

There is no reason for alarm—risk to humans remains low and typically requires direct contact with infected wildlife. However, pets, especially cats and dogs are more vulnerable and may develop serious symptoms if exposed.

### **How to protect your pets and family:**

- Always keep dogs leashed during walks to prevent contact with wild animals or carcasses.
- Avoid handling sick or dead wildlife. Report any sightings to local authorities.
- Practice good hygiene: Wash hands thoroughly after outdoor activities. Do not let pets drink from puddles or investigate animal remains.



If your pet shows signs like fever, lethargy, or swollen lymph nodes after being outdoors, contact a veterinarian promptly.

For more information, see our latest newsletter or reach out to the DPW Environmental Division.

### **Avoid handling sick or dead wildlife.**

If you encounter a dead or injured rodent on-post, contact DPW Customer Care during working hours (Mon–Fri, 0715–1200 and 1245–1600) via DSN 548-4357. Outside working hours, call Fire & Emergency Services at DSN 112 or COMM: 0611–143-548-0112.

For off-post incidents, notify the German Police by dialing 110.