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Third Rabies Case of 2015 Confirmed in Alamance County

BURLINGTON – The North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health in Raleigh has confirmed Alamance County’s third rabies case for the year.

On June 10th, a gray/red fox attacked, scratched and bit a person on the leg. This occurred near E. Main Street and Pine Street outside of Haw River. Alamance County Sheriff’s Department Animal Control was called to pick up the fox, and the fox was sent to the State Laboratory of Public Health for rabies testing on June 11th. Today, June 12th, the State Lab confirmed that the fox had rabies.

If you live in this area and believe that you may have been exposed to this fox, contact the health department at (336) 570-6367 immediately.

If you live in this area and have outside pets, you should examine pets for any wounds that may have come from contact with this rabid fox and notify animal control or the health department’s Environmental Health office at (336) 570-6367 if you have questions or concerns.

“It is North Carolina law that cats and dogs be vaccinated against rabies,” reminds Environmental Health Director, Carl Carroll. “Rabies vaccination protects not only your pet, but also helps to protect you and your family”. Even if your pet has an up-to-date rabies vaccination, they will still require a rabies booster shot if they come in contact with a rabid animal.

If you are bitten by **any** animal:

- Wash the wound with soap and running water for ten (10) minutes and seek medical attention immediately.
- Write down the location of the animal and a description of the animal to provide to animal control. If the animal is someone’s pet, also get the owner’s name and address. Give this information to animal control or the health department.
- Do not try to catch any wild or stray animal

For more information or questions about rabies control and vaccinations requirements, contact the health department’s Environmental Health office at (336) 570-6367.



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