



## ALAMANCE COUNTY

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### **First Rabies Case of 2017 Confirmed in Alamance County**

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

On May 31st, an unvaccinated dog came in contact with a sick raccoon. This occurred on Gurney Street in Graham. The raccoon was euthanized and sent to the State Laboratory of Public Health for rabies testing. On June 1<sup>st</sup> the State Lab confirmed that the raccoon had rabies. The unvaccinated dog was euthanized on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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 raccoon and notify animal control or the health department’s Environmental Health office at (336) 570-6367 if you have questions or concerns.

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

“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”.

There is a Rabies Clinic scheduled for June 24<sup>th</sup> by Burlington Animal Services, located at 221 Stone Quarry Road in Haw River from 9am until 11am. Cost of the vaccine is \$5.00. Contact Burlington Animal Services at 336-578-0343 if you have any questions about this event.

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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