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### **Third Rabies Case of 2017 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.

A skunk attacked a dog at a home on Altamahaw Church Street in Elon. The skunk was sent to the State Laboratory for Public Health for testing on August 30<sup>th</sup>. On August 31<sup>st</sup> the State Lab confirmed that the skunk had rabies. The dog was not current on its rabies vaccination and was therefore euthanized on August 31<sup>st</sup>. There were no other exposures reported.

“Cases like this are unfortunate reminders that it is NC Law for dogs and cats to be vaccinated for rabies,” added Carroll. “Vaccinating your pets protects them and ultimately protects your family, too.”

There are currently no rabies vaccination clinics scheduled at this time; however, residents can contact their veterinarian for vaccination services.

Last year, Alamance County had one confirmed case of rabies in an animal and the total number of cases in North Carolina was 251.

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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