



## ALAMANCE COUNTY

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## Second Rabies Case of 2015 Confirmed in Alamance County

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

On May 8th, a stray cat (gray domestic short-haired male) attacked and bit a person on the leg. This occurred near Mebane Oaks Road and Old Hillsborough Road in Mebane. Alamance County Sheriff’s Department Animal Control was called to pick up the cat, and the cat was sent to the State Laboratory of Public Health for rabies testing. On May 12th, the State Lab confirmed that the cat has rabies.

If you live in this area and were bitten or scratched, or believe that you may have been exposed to this cat, contact the health department at (336) 570-6367 ext. 329 immediately.

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

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 stray cat 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”.

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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