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### Two Rabies Cases Confirmed in Alamance County

**BURLINGTON** – On August 7, 2018, the North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health in Raleigh confirmed Alamance County's first and second cases of rabies for the year.

The first case occurred Friday, August 3 on Quail Run Lane in Burlington where a cat came in close proximity of a raccoon. The raccoon was sent to the State Laboratory for Public Health for testing and was confirmed positive for rabies. The cat was examined by a local veterinarian and found to have no injuries; as such, the cat received a vaccine booster and is currently under 45-day observation.

A second case occurred Monday, August 6 where a fox attacked an individual on James Boswell Road in Burlington. The fox was sent to the State Laboratory for Public Health for testing and was confirmed positive for rabies. The individual is receiving post-exposure treatment and medication.

If you live in either of these areas and have outside pets, you should examine them for any wounds that may have come from contact with this raccoon or fox 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

"The best way to protect your pet from rabies is by vaccinating them," states Environmental Health Director Terri Craver. "State law requires pet owners to stay up-to-date on rabies vaccinations."

There is an upcoming rabies clinic at the Spay and Neuter Clinic on South Church Street on October 20, 2018 from 9-11:00. Cost is \$5.00 per animal.

Tractor Supply on Garden Road vaccinates cats and dogs every Saturday. Call 336-586-9222 for more information.



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Pet Supermarket on South Church Street vaccinates dogs and cats every other Sunday. Cost is \$21.00. For more information, call 336-584-8044.

Last year, Alamance County had three confirmed animal cases of rabies.

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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