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Fifth Rabies Case of 2019 Confirmed in Alamance County

BURLINGTON – On August 28, the North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health in Raleigh confirmed Alamance County’s fifth case of rabies for the year.

On August 26, Alamance County Animal Control was notified that a cat was found at a home on Banks Street in Graham. Alamance County Animal Control sent the cat to the State Laboratory for Public Health for testing and the cat was positive for rabies. Two adults were exposed to the cat and are receiving post-exposure treatment. Animals in the home were also exposed. All animals were up-to-date on vaccinations and will receive a booster and be under 45-day quarantine at home.

If you live in this area and have outside pets, the Health Department encourages you to examine them for any wounds that may have come from contact with this cat 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 Spay and Neuter Clinic, located at 1919 S. Church Street in Burlington, is offering rabies vaccinations from 10am-12 noon on Friday, August 30. The cost is \$15. The Spay and Neuter Clinic is also having a rabies vaccination and microchip clinic on September 14. The cost of vaccination is \$5 and microchips are \$20.

Last year, Alamance County had five 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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