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WAKE ENCOURAGES CAUTION AROUND WILDLIFE

Following an increase in reports of possible rabies exposure and confirmed cases of rabies in the community, Wake County health officials want to remind residents to use caution around wildlife. On Friday, May 17, 2013, Wake County received an animal bite report from WakeMed Health and Hospitals regarding a fox on the Cary Greenway, close to the entrance of the Carousel Park subdivision. The fox was not captured.

“While we cannot confirm rabies in this case, we want residents to exercise caution when they are outside,” said Wake County Community Health Director Sue Lynn Ledford. “Do not approach an animal that you do not know.”

Anyone who sees an animal acting in an unusual manner is urged to call the appropriate animal control center for their jurisdiction, as follows:

- In Wake County (except Cary, Garner, Holly Springs and Raleigh), call 919-212-PETS (7387).
- In Cary, call 919-319-4517.
- In Garner, call 919-772-8896.
- In Holly Springs, call 919-557-9111.
- In Raleigh, call 919-831-6311.

Rabies is a preventable viral disease that can affect both animals and humans. Wake County will hold its next rabies vaccination and microchip clinics on Saturday, June 1, 2013, at Bond Park, 801 High House Rd., Cary, and at Southern Regional Center, 130 N. Judd Parkway NE, Fuquay-Varina. Details can be found on the [Wake County Animal Center website](#). During these clinics rabies vaccines will be available for \$5 and microchips will be available for \$10.

For more information about rabies, visit www.wakegov.com/pets/health/rabies.

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