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WAKE ISSUES RABIES NOTICE FOR RALEIGH

Anyone Bitten or Scratched by Unknown Animals Should Call Animal Control

Wake County would like to inform people who live in the vicinity Yarmouth Road and Wheeler Road in Raleigh that rabies was confirmed in a raccoon on Tuesday, January 7, 2014. Raleigh Animal Control responded to the case, and the raccoon was taken to the State Lab in Raleigh for testing. A dog was exposed to the raccoon.

In this case the dog was vaccinated for rabies and required a booster vaccine. State law requires potentially rabid pets to be destroyed unless owners agree to support a six-month quarantine.

“Rabies vaccination is critical to help to prevent the spread of disease, and rabies vaccination is required by law. This is a great opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of rabies vaccinations for their pets,” said Wake Environmental Services Director Joseph Threadcraft.

Animal Control officers are concerned about possible exposure of unvaccinated animals, particularly pets, in the Raleigh area. Anyone who sees an animal acting in an unusual manner is urged to call Raleigh Animal Control. Animal Control officials urge the following:

- Residents should not approach animals that they do not know.
- Residents should ensure their pets have a current rabies vaccination. If a pet is allowed outside, a booster vaccine is recommended. Outdoor pets should be kept inside until they receive booster vaccines.
- Do not feed stray or unknown animals, including cats and dogs.
- Do not leave trash or food outside, unless it is in a trash can with a tight-fitting lid.
- If a pet is fed outside, do not leave food out overnight.
- If a pet comes in contact with an animal that might be rabid, contact a veterinarian immediately.

To report animal complaints and stray animals:

- In Raleigh, call 919-831-6311
- In Cary, call 919-319-4517
- In Garner, call 919-772-8896
- In Holly Springs, call 919-557-9111

- In Wake County (except Cary, Garner, Holly Springs and Raleigh), call 919-212-PETS (7387)

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

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