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WAKE ISSUES RABIES NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS IN EAST RALEIGH

Anyone Bitten or Scratched by Unknown Animals Should Call Animal Control

Wake County would like to inform people who live in the vicinity of Bertie Drive and Surrey Road in east Raleigh of a confirmed rabies case in a fox on Thursday, September 4, 2014. Raleigh Police Department responded to the case, and the fox was taken to the State Lab in Raleigh for testing.

"We don't want to alarm residents in east Raleigh, but they should be aware of these cases and of the potential for exposure to themselves, family members and their pets," said Sue Lynn Ledford, Community Health Director for Wake County. "Do not approach an animal that you don't know."

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

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

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