

RABIES ALERT

Rabies is a preventable, deadly viral disease spread through saliva due to a bite or scratch from an infected animal



Situation

- On 12/7/17, a ill-looking fox was captured in the vicinity of Jefferson-Houston School. The fox has been sent for rabies testing.
- If you or a family member has had **physical contact** with a fox, please call the Health Department
- If you see a fox that looks unwell or behaving strangely, please call Animal Control

How to Keep You and Your Pets Safe

- Do **not** feed or approach any wild, stray or feral animals, even if they appear friendly or injured
- Make sure your dogs and cats are up-to-date on their rabies vaccinations
- Dogs must be on a leash in all public areas and parks

Symptoms of Rabies in Animals

- Unexpected aggression from an animal
- Extreme drooling or foaming at the mouth
- Walking as if drunk or unusual sluggishness or stupor

If you have concerns about animals or see these animals, please call:

Alexandria Animal Control

703.746.4774

After hours

703.746.4444

If you have concerns about you or your family being exposed to rabies, please call:

Alexandria Health Department

703.746.4910

After Hours

703.795.8506

**For more information visit,
www.alexandriava.gov/rabies**

