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, an 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](http://www.alexandriava.gov/rabies)