

# RABIES ALERT



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

## Situation

- On Monday 4/25 a wild raccoon was observed acting aggressively in Four Mile Run Park
- If you or a family member have had **physical** contact with a raccoon please call the Health Department
- At this time, there is no evidence of other animals in your area that have rabies. However, there is an increased risk.

## How to Keep You and Your Pets Safe

- Do **not** feed or approach any wild, stray or feral animals, even if it appears 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 that would normally avoid people, easily frighten or run away
- Extreme drooling or foaming at the mouth
- Walking as if drunk or unusual sluggishness or stupor

If you have concerns about animals or see this animal, 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)**

