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

Situation

- A wild raccoon was captured in your neighborhood late last week; it tested positive for rabies.
- 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, because the raccoon tested positive 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 you or your family being exposed to rabies, please call:

Alexandria Animal Control
703.746.4774
After hours
703.746.4444

Alexandria Health Department
703.746.4910
After Hours
703.795.8506

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