

# RABIES ALERT



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 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)**

