August 8, 2016

RABIES ALERT

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

Situation

- Over the weekend of 8/5/16 wild raccoons were observed acting aggressively in the Swamp Fox area.
- 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 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

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