



News Release

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Cumberland County Reports Second Positive Rabies Case For 2014

FAYETTEVILLE - This morning, Tuesday, March 25, the State Public Health Lab in Raleigh reported positive results for rabies in Cumberland County. A raccoon was picked up on Friday, March 21, at Troy Drive, off of Cedar Creek Road in east Fayetteville. A citizen reported that several stray dogs were fighting with the raccoon late Thursday night, March 20. The dead raccoon was found Friday morning and Animal Control contacted.

This is the second case of rabies in the county for 2014. Animal Control Officers will be in the area today notifying residents about the rabies and cautioning that the stray dogs are still on the loose. Earlier in March, a rabid raccoon was reported in northern Cumberland County.

All pet owners are urged to check the vaccination status of their pets. If pets are not vaccinated or are due for a booster shot, they should be taken to a local veterinarian for rabies vaccination immediately.

The county will hold rabies vaccination clinics in April on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-6 p.m. at various locations each day. (See attached release for more information.)

The first sign of rabies in animals is a change in behavior. Animals may become aggressive, attacking for no reason, or they may become very quiet. Wild animals can lose their fear of people and act tame. Rabid animals may walk in a circle, drag a leg, or fall over. Some cannot swallow so they are not able to eat or drink and often drool. Animals usually die within a week after first becoming ill.

Avoiding wild animals and keeping your distance from stray dogs and cats is the first step in preventing an animal bite. Any pet, which appears to have been in a fight while outside, should be handled very cautiously and seen by a veterinarian.

If you are bitten or scratched by an animal:

- Immediately wash the wound under running water for at least 10 minutes with lots of soap. Seek medical attention/advice.
- Call Animal Control at 321-6852 Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call the Sheriff's Office at 323-1500 after 5 p.m., weekends and holidays.
- Go to the emergency room.

It is also important to vaccinate your pets for rabies and keep their shots current. Pet owners are reminded that all dogs and cats must be vaccinated against rabies, as required by state law. Pet owners are subject to a fine of \$100 for each unvaccinated dog or cat. Pets must be vaccinated when they reach the age of four months.

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Rabies Vaccination Clinics Scheduled for April

FAYETTEVILLE – Starting April 1, rabies vaccination clinics for dogs and cats will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday throughout April at different locations each day. A total of 19 clinics at different sites throughout the county are scheduled. The cost is \$10 per animal.

North Carolina law requires that “the owner of every dog and cat over four months of age shall have the animal vaccinated against rabies.” In Cumberland County, the owners of dogs and cats which have not been vaccinated in accordance with this law are subject to a civil penalty in the amount of \$100.

To remain properly immunized, a dog or cat must receive two rabies vaccinations one year apart, then one vaccination every three years thereafter.

Please keep your dog on a leash. Keep your cats in separate carriers or boxes or leave them in your car. Owners may be held responsible for their pets and for any damage they cause.

Please bring cash. Checks will not be accepted. Please bring exact change, but no rolled coins.

For more information, call the Environmental Health Division of the Cumberland County Public Health Department 433-3660 or Cumberland County Animal Control at 321-6852.

More information is available online at http://www.co.cumberland.nc.us/health/healthy_tips/rabies_clinics.aspx.

All rabies vaccination clinics will be held from 4 – 6 p.m. See dates and location below:

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

- **Stedman Elementary School – 7370 Clinton Rd., Highway 24, Stedman**
- **E.E. Miller Elementary School – 1361 Rim Rd.**
- **Martin Edwards Auction Services – 10335 Ramsey St., Linden**

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

- **Loyd Auman Elementary School – 6882 Raeford Rd.**

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- **Rockfish Elementary School – 5763 Rockfish Rd., Hope Mills**
- **Charlie Rose Agri-Expo Center – 301 E. Mountain Dr.**

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

- **Beaver Dam School – 2059 S. N.C. 210 Highway, Beaver Dam**
- **Massey Hill Classical School – 1062 Southern Ave.**
- **Melvin Honeycutt School – 4665 Lakewood Dr.**

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

- **Lake Rim Park – 2214 Tarkin Dr. (off Raeford Road west of Seventy-First High School)**
- **Spring Lake Middle School – 612 Spring Ave., Spring Lake**

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

- **Warrenwood Elementary School – 4618 Rosehill Rd.**
- **Alderman Road Elementary School – 2860 Alderman Rd.**

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

- **Benjamin Martin Elementary School – 240 Reilly Rd.**
- **Clear Path (formerly Monsanto) parking lot – 3768 Cedar Creek Rd.**

TUESDAY, APRIL 22

- **Eastover-Central Elementary School – 5174 Dunn Rd. at U.S. Highway 13**
- **Northwood Temple Church – 4200 Ramsey St.**

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

- **District 7 Elementary School – 5721 Smithfield Rd.**
- **Mazarick Park – 1400 Belvedere Ave.**

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