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Cat Tests Positive for Rabies in Town of Forestport *Oneida County Health Department Urges Residents to Recognize Signs of Rabies*

The Oneida County Health Department announced today that a cat has tested positive for rabies in Town of Forestport.

The cat was sent to the New York State Department of Health Wadsworth Center for testing and positive results were reported on October 5, 2022. Two people were directly exposed to the cat and received post exposure prophylaxis. Three additional people had secondary exposure to the rabid cat and have also received post exposure prophylaxis.

A total of six cats and dogs, were exposed to the rabid cat. One cat was unvaccinated and as a result, was euthanized and tested for rabies. These results are pending. Two animals were not up to date with rabies vaccines and are now quarantined for six months. The three remaining exposed animals were up to date with vaccines and received booster doses.

Signs of rabies include an animal:

- Acting strangely.
- Acting angry.
- Acting shy.
- Getting unusually close.
- Drooling or foaming from the mouth.

If you see an animal, wild or stray, with these signs, do not approach it and stay away. If any animal is acting strangely, call your local animal control officer for help.

For the safety of pets and the convenience of county residents, the Oneida County Health Department offers rabies vaccination clinics throughout the year in various community locations. The next rabies vaccine clinic is scheduled for tonight in Barneveld at The Town of Trenton Offices at 8520 Old Poland Road from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Appointments can be made by visiting <https://ocgov.net/health> or calling 315-798-5064.

Health Department Officials offer the following vaccination recommendations:

- All cats, dogs and ferrets three months or older must have a current rabies vaccination, even if they stay indoors.
- Dogs and cats must receive a rabies vaccination at three months-old, one year-old and then once every three years.
- Ferrets must receive a rabies vaccination every year.

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For more information on Rabies Prevention, contact the Oneida County Health Department at 315-798-5064 or log onto our web site at <https://www.ocgov.net/oneida/envhealth/MosquitoesTicksRabies>.