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## News Release

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## **Raccoon Tests Positive for Rabies in Remsen** *Oneida County Health Department Reminds Residents Remain Cautious*

A raccoon has tested positive for rabies in Remsen. The raccoon was sent to the New York State Department of Health Wadsworth Center for testing on September 13, 2023 and positive results were reported on September 14, 2023. Three dogs were exposed to the raccoon and received rabies vaccine boosters.

Signs of rabies include:

- Animal acting strangely
- Animal acting mad
- Animal getting unusually close
- Drooling or foaming from the mouth

Rabies is a deadly disease. People should remain cautious and avoid any wild animal regardless of whether the animal appears to have symptoms of rabies. Do not feed, touch, or adopt wild animals, stray dogs or feral cats. If you have concerns about an animal in your neighborhood, you can help by calling your local animal control officer for assistance. Additionally, people should protect themselves and their pets from rabies through vaccination. Pet owners should contact the local health department or a veterinarian if their pet has been in a fight with another animal. A rabies booster vaccination may be needed.

Pets need to be kept up to date on rabies vaccinations. Per NYS Public Health Law, all dogs, cats, and ferrets must be vaccinated by 4 months-old and then one year following the initial dose. Dogs and cats need to receive a booster dose every three years following. Ferrets must receive booster doses annually. 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. There is one more vaccination clinic scheduled this year:

- October 19, 2023 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Town of Trenton Offices

Appointments are required for the clinics. For more information on rabies prevention, or to make an appointment for an upcoming rabies vaccination clinic, contact the Oneida County Health Department at 315-798-5064 or log onto our web site at [ocgov.net/rabies](http://ocgov.net/rabies).

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