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

A fox has tested positive for rabies in Kirkland. The fox was sent to the New York State Department of Health Wadsworth Center for testing on July 10, 2024, and positive results were reported on July 11, 2024.

Rabid animals may be acting strangely, coming too close to humans, and foaming at the mouth. If you see a wild animal do not approach it or touch it whether you believe it is rabid or not. If you are concerned that an animal is injured and/or may need help, do not touch it but contact a professional for assistance. Resources include:

- [Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator: Licensed by the Department of Environmental Conservation \(DEC\)](#)
- [Wildlife Rehabilitator: Licensed by the Department of Environmental Conservation \(DEC\)](#)
- [Department of Environmental Conservation at 1-844-332-3267](#)
- Local police department

Keep your pets up to date with rabies vaccinations. Per NYS Public Health Law, all dogs, cats, and ferrets must be vaccinated by 4 months old and then 1 year following the initial dose. Dogs and cats need to receive a booster dose every 3 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:

- July 22, 2024 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Vienna Town Garage
- August 19, 2024 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Rome Kennedy Arena

For more information on rabies prevention, visit ocgov.net/rabies. If you have questions or are concerned about a possible rabies exposure, contact the Oneida County Health Department at 315-798-5064 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

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