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## News Release

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## **Raccoon Tests Positive for Rabies in Stittville** *Oneida County Health Department Urges Residents to Recognize Signs of Rabies*

A raccoon has tested positive for rabies in Stittville. The raccoon was sent to the New York State Department of Health Wadsworth Center for testing on June 23, 2022, and positive results were reported on June 24, 2022. One person was exposed to the raccoon and received post exposure prophylaxis. A dog was also exposed to the raccoon and received a rabies booster shot.

Signs of rabies include:

- Animal acting strangely
- Animal acting mad
- Animal acting shy
- The animal may get 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.**

Per NYS Public Health Law, all dogs, cats, and ferrets must be vaccinated by 4 months old. Dogs and cats need another dose at age 1 and then 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. The following rabies vaccination clinics have been scheduled:

- July 26, 2022 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Vienna Town Garage.
- August 22, 2022 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Rome Kennedy Arena.
- October 7, 2022 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Town of Trenton Offices.

Appointments are required for the clinics and can be made by calling 315-798-5064 or online at <https://ocgov.net/health>.

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>.

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