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Fox Tests Positive for Rabies in Town of Lee

Oneida County Health Department Urges Residents to Recognize Signs of Rabies

A fox has tested positive for rabies in the Town of Lee. The fox was sent to the New York State Department of Health Wadsworth Center for testing on June 22, 2020 and positive results were reported the on June 24, 2020. One adult had exposure to the fox and has received post exposure prophylaxis.

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.

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. As of now, dates of future clinics will be released at later time.

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, and then once every three years.
- Ferrets must receive a rabies vaccination every year.

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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