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Raccoon Tests Positive for Rabies in Town of Sangerfield Oneida County Health Department Urging Residents to Know How to Recognize the Signs of Rabies

A raccoon has tested positive for rabies in the Town of Sangerfield. The raccoon was sent to the New York State Department of Health Wadsworth Center for testing on Tuesday, March 17th, where positive results were reported the following day. Two adults and a dog had exposure to the raccoon. Both adults received post exposure prophylaxis. The dog was current with its rabies vaccination, and received a booster shot.

Signs of rabies include:

- Animal acting strangely
- Animal might act mad
- Animal might act shy – animal might let you get unusually close
- Drooling

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 Vaccinations Clinics throughout the year in various community locations. At this time, dates of future clinics will be released at a 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://ocgov.net/health>.

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