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Davidson County Reports Confirmed Positive Rabies Case

The Davidson County Health Department has received test results confirming a positive rabies case in Davidson County. According to reports provided to the health department, a fox was discovered on June 22, showing signs of unusual behavior. Animal Control was contacted and responded promptly to the scene. During the efforts to safely contain and remove the fox, there was a possible exposure threat.

Due to the potential threat of exposure, the fox was tested for rabies and lab results received on June 23 confirmed that the fox was positive for the rabies virus. The individual of concern has started post exposure prophylaxis treatment. This event took place within the Lexington city limits.

If you see wild or unknown animals near or around your home, do not attempt to engage, contact Animal Control for assistance. Do not touch wild animals with your bare hands as the rabies virus is 99% fatal in humans who do not seek immediate postexposure treatment. This serves as a reminder to also protect your pets against rabies. North Carolina law requires that all dogs, cats, and ferrets be vaccinated against rabies by 4 months of age and kept current.

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