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DAVIDSON COUNTY REPORTS SECOND CASE OF RABIES FOR 2019

The Davidson County Health Department reports the second case of rabies for the year. On July 15, a rabid fox was fighting with a dog in the Southmont community. The owner shot the fox and Animal Control took both animals away. The dog's vaccinations were not up to date and will have to be destroyed. There was possible human exposure and that person has been referred to a medical provider for follow up.

Do not handle an animal with bare hands after it has had contact with a wild animal. Saliva from the wild animal may still be present on the domestic animal's fur and by handling the animal; you may expose yourself to the rabies virus. Beware of wild animals out in the daylight. Stay away from animals you do not know. If you have a child or other family member who has been bitten or scratched, please seek medical attention.

If there are stray dogs, cats or wildlife in your neighborhood, call Animal Control at 336-249-0131.

The Health Department will be holding its next rabies clinic on September 14 at Tyro Middle School from 2 to 4 pm. Vaccines cost \$7.00. Three and one year vaccines are available. All animals must be vaccinated by the time they are four months old and may be vaccinated as early as three months.