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DAVIDSON COUNTY REPORTS FIFTH CASE OF RABIES FOR 2019

The Davidson County Health Department reports the fifth case of rabies for the year. On September 6, a rabid fox was found in Lexington. The fox attacked two people at a bus stop but did not break the skin. It ran off, bit someone else and was shot. Because of the human exposure, that person was 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 last 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.