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DAVIDSON COUNTY REPORTS 3rd CASE OF RABIES FOR 2017

The Davidson County Health Department reports the third case of rabies for the year. On May 30, a rabid raccoon was found in the Central community. Two animals were exposed to the raccoon but both were properly vaccinated and received booster shots. The raccoon was killed by the owner of the animals. That person has been referred to a physician for medical 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 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. Call the Rabies Hot Line at 336-249-2348 if you or your pet come in contact with another animal.