



COUNTY OF LINCOLN, NORTH CAROLINA

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Lincoln County has Second Confirmed Rabies Case of 2018

On Friday, June 15th, 2018 Lincoln County Animal Services received a call about a raccoon that attacked two dogs on Frank Cline Road, in Vale NC. Animal Control retrieved the raccoon, and it was processed for rabies testing. On June 20th, 2018 the official test results were received from the NC Laboratory of Public Health. The raccoon tested positive for rabies. This is the second positive rabies result in Lincoln County in 2018.

Animal Control Officers have visited residents in the area where the raccoon was picked up, to inform residents in the immediate vicinity. Lincoln County Animal Services would like to remind residents that rabies vaccination for dogs, cats, and ferrets over the age of 4 months is required by law. A current rabies vaccination is **lifesaving** for animals that are exposed to rabies, as state law requires unvaccinated animals that are exposed to rabies to be euthanized or quarantined for a period of 4 months. Ensuring that pets are currently vaccinated not only protects them, but helps to protect public health, and the health and safety of owners and the community.

To keep yourself safe, don't approach or handle wildlife. Signs of rabies in wild animals can include abnormal amounts of aggression or friendliness, disorientation, wobbliness, circling, and excessive salivation. If you see or come into contact with a wild animal that may be sick, or is exhibiting signs of abnormal behavior, call Animal Services at (704) 736-4125, or dial 911 to report it.

Additional Information: 1 year rabies vaccinations for cats and dogs are available for \$7 at Lincoln County Animal Services, 650 John Howell Memorial Drive, Lincolnton NC. Please visit us Monday-Friday, between the hours of 10am-5pm to have your pets vaccinated. Alternatively, 1 year and 3 year vaccines are also available through your local veterinarian.

UPCOMING RABIES CLINICS: **June 23rd** – at West Lincoln Animal Hospital from 12pm to 4pm.
(Cash and check only, 1 and 3 year rabies vaccines available for \$7.00)

Please call LCAS at 704-736-4125 for more information.