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Lincoln County has Fifth Confirmed Rabies Case of 2018

On Wednesday, October 31th, 2018 Lincoln County Animal Services received a call about a dog that killed a raccoon on Clearwater Lane, in Iron Station NC. Animal Control retrieved the raccoon, and it was processed for rabies testing. On November 2nd, 2018 the official test results were received from the NC Laboratory of Public Health. The raccoon tested positive for rabies. This is the fifth positive rabies result in Lincoln County in 2018. In this case, the dog was currently vaccinated for rabies, and so only required a booster shot.

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.

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