



# Hunterdon County Department of Health



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## Public Health Alert

### **RABIES INCIDENT**

#### **READINGTON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS**

**In the area of:**

**PLEASANT RUN ROAD and BARLEY SHEAF ROAD**

### **A Stray Cat Tested Positive for Rabies**

A stray cat tested positive for rabies on 7/14/22

Description: Adult Male Cat- white/brown tiger pattern domestic short hair/mix

**Area residents who may have had contact with this cat any time between 6/22/22 and 7/6/22** should notify their Primary Care Physician immediately or the Hunterdon Medical Center Emergency Room to discuss concerns, re: possible exposure and the need for post exposure prophylaxis treatment.

It is important to remember not to pick up stray animals at any time. Saliva from infected animals should be considered infectious.

All owners of cats, dogs and livestock should have the vaccination against rabies through their veterinarian or through municipal rabies clinics. For a listing of upcoming free rabies clinics, visit the Hunterdon County Department of Health Info Line website - <http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/health/rabiesclinics.html>

For more information, call 908-788-1351. After hours and on weekends, call 908-788-1202. To reach the Animal Control Officer, Animal Control Solutions, call 908-722-1271.

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