

Hunterdon County Department of Health



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Public Health Alert RABIES INCIDENT

READINGTON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS In the area of: OLD YORK ROAD

SKUNK Tested Positive for Rabies

A SKUNK tested positive for rabies on December 5, 2024

Description: Skunk

Area residents who may have had contact with this skunk any time between 11/14/24 and 11/28/24 - 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. <u>Saliva</u> from infected animals should be considered <u>infectious</u>.

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 READINGTON TOWNSHIP Animal Control Officer-Animal Control Solutions, call 908-722-1271

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