

RABIES ALERT

Rabies Alert: Radnor Township is issuing a rabies alert in response to a raccoon which tested positive for rabies in the area of the 700 block of Church Rd in the Wayne section. The animal was captured and removed from the area, then tested at the PA Department of Health Lab. Residents and visitors should avoid contact with wildlife in this area. Rabies is caused by a virus that can affect the central nervous system of any mammal. The virus is usually transmitted in saliva via the bite of an infected animal.

Be aware that rabies is present in the wild animal population, and domestic animals are at risk if not vaccinated. These alerts are designed to increase awareness to the public.

An animal with rabies could infect other wild animals or domestic animals that have not been vaccinated against rabies. All domestic animals should be vaccinated against rabies. Contact to feral cats, stray dogs and all wildlife particularly racoons, bats, foxes, skunks and coyotes should be avoided.

The following is advised:

- All pets should have a current rabies vaccination
- Secure all outside garbage in covered containers to avoid attracting wild animals
- Do not leave pet food outside.
- Avoid contact with all wildlife and do not feed wild animals.
- If bitten or scratched, by a suspected rabid animal, wash the wound immediately with soap and water, seek medical attention and promptly report the incident to Radnor Police or Township Health Officer.
- Rabies is preventable when treatment is provided in a timely manner.

For more information on rabies, visit [Rabies: PA Game Commission](#) or

[CDC: Rabies](#)

