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Raccoon Captured in Bethel Park Tests Positive for Rabies

PITTSBURGH – A raccoon brought to the Allegheny County Health Department’s (ACHD) lab has tested positive for rabies. The raccoon was captured near the 1000 block of Clifton Road in the Municipality of Bethel Park.

Residents should watch for unusual behavior in animals and should make sure their pets are up-to-date on their rabies vaccinations. If any animal appears to be acting strange or becomes threatening, residents should notify their local animal control service, the police or the Pennsylvania Game Commission immediately.

Rabies is a virus transmitted by an animal bite or scratch, and exposures due to a bite or scratch are almost always fatal when left untreated. Any individual who is bitten, scratched or otherwise exposed to saliva from a stray or any other animal, should immediately cleanse the contact area with soap and water, seek emergency medical treatment and call ACHD (412-687-2243) to report the incident.

This is the 25th rabid animal reported in Allegheny County thus far in 2019: 18 raccoons, five (5) bats and two (2) cats.

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