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Stray Cat Reported in Ross Township Tests Positive for Rabies

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) announced today that a stray cat recently brought to its laboratory tested positive for rabies. The stray was reported on Hetherton Drive in Ross Township.

Rabies is a virus transmitted by an animal bite or scratch. It is almost always fatal when exposures are left untreated. Any individual who is bitten, scratched or otherwise exposed to saliva from an 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.

Residents across the county are reminded to watch for unusual behavior in animals, and if any animal appears to be acting strange or becomes threatening, call your local animal control service, the police or the Pennsylvania Game Commission immediately. Also, please make sure your pets are up-to-date on their rabies vaccinations.

A total of 11 animals from Allegheny County have tested positive for rabies in 2020: five (5) raccoons, three (3) bats, two (2) cats, and one (1) groundhog.

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