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County Health Department Reports Rabid Cat Found in Spring Hill Neighborhood

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Health Department is advising residents of the Spring Hill neighborhood of the City of Pittsburgh that a cat that bit a woman and two children yesterday afternoon was found to be rabid.

The Health Department is urging anyone who had an encounter with a white cat with one blue and one green eye in the past week that resulted in a scratch, bite or contact with its saliva to seek treatment. The cat was on Royal Street in Spring Hill when, unprovoked, it bit the three people. Those individuals are now being treated. Anti-rabies vaccine is highly effective and prevents rabies when given shortly after exposure. The cat was found and euthanized.

The Health Department is also reminding residents to avoid contact with wild animals or animals they do not know. Residents should have their pets vaccinated, and watch for unusual behavior.

If you believe you have been exposed, call your general practitioner or go to the local hospital for examination and possible treatment.

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