

Hunterdon County Department of Health



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Public Health Alert

RABIES INCIDENT

LEBANON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS In the area of: Penwell Road

RACCOON Tested Positive for Rabies

A Raccoon tested positive for rabies on January 3, 2025

Description: Wild Racoon

Area residents who may have had contact with this racoon any time between December 19, 2024 thru January 2, 2025 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 Lebanon Township Animal Control Officer, Community Animal Control, Robbie Lagonera, call 908-763-5035.