



News Release

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Re: 4th Rabies Case Confirmed

(New Hanover County)— A fourth case of rabies has been confirmed this year in New Hanover County. Animal Control Services authorities say a resident of the Andover Road area notified ACS of a sick raccoon that was seen wandering Monday, March 9th. The animal died shortly after it was trapped and upon testing by the state lab, was confirmed to have the rabies virus.

New Hanover County Animal Control staff was also made aware of a colony of feral cats in the area. Residents are advised to not feed stray animals and to keep their pets vaccinated.

In all four cases this year, raccoons were found to be vectors of the disease.

New Hanover County pet owners who have not had their dogs, cats or ferrets vaccinated against rabies can protect their animal companions and themselves for free later this month. A free rabies clinic will be held at New Hanover County Animal Control Services from 1:00 until 3:00 on Saturday, March 21. New Hanover County ACS is located at 180 Division Drive.

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