

Rabies Advisement August 2011

Dear Resident:

KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE FROM STRAY AND WILD ANIMALS

A rabid raccoon was recently found in the vicinity of Mansfield Road West, in Mansfield Township. This raccoon was transferred by an animal control officer, who subsequently submitted the animal for rabies testing. The raccoon was reported as positive for rabies by the State Department of Health and Senior Services to the Burlington County Health Department.

The County Health Department would like to advise all residents to:

- If a stray or wild animal is discovered call the local municipality who will in turn contact Animal Control
- Do not attempt to capture any wildlife or stray animals. Leave that job to the professional Animal Control Officer
- Do not feed any stray or wild animals for your safety and the safety of others
- Make sure all your pets are currently immunized for rabies

If you have been in contact with any wild or stray animals within the vicinity of Mansfield Road West, please call our Health Department at 609-265-5789 and ask to speak with Mr. Louis Marino, Sr. Investigator.

For additional information, on rabies see:

http://www.co.burlington.nj.us/departments/health/information/disease_faq/index.htm.

Scroll down to the rabies information fact sheet.