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DAVIDSON COUNTY REPORTS 2nd CASE OF RABIES FOR 2017

The Davidson County Health Department reports the second case of rabies for the year. On March 24, a rabid cat attacked a person in the city limits of Lexington near the Hallmark Apartments. The cat was killed by the victim and later tested positive for rabies. That person has been referred to a physician for medical follow up. There were no other exposures reported. It is not known where the cat acquired rabies.

Do not handle an animal with bare hands after it has had contact with a wild animal. Saliva from the wild animal may still be present on the domestic animal's fur and by handling the animal, you may expose yourself to the rabies virus. Beware of wild animals out in daylight. Stay away from animals you do not know. If you have a child or other family member who has been bitten or scratched, please seek medical attention.

If there are stray dogs, cats, or wildlife in your neighborhood, call Animal Control at 336-249-0131. Call the Rabies Hot Line at 336-249-2348 if you or your pet come in contact with another animal.

There will be a Rabies Clinic at the Davidson County Health Department on Saturday, April 29th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Shots will be \$7. All animals must remain in the vehicle. State law requires that all dogs, cats, and ferrets be vaccinated against rabies by four months of age.