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PRESS RELEASE

CONFIRMED RABIES IN BARRE, VT

The Vermont Department of Health has notified our office that on September 1, 2019 a dog on South Main Street, Barre, VT had killed a raccoon. Upon examination of the raccoon by the State Veterinarian, the raccoon tested positive for rabies.

At this time we would ask that you make sure your pets are up to date on their rabies, as well as all of their vaccinations, feed your pets indoors, and please make sure all garbage and recycling is secured in animal proof containers.

If you are concerned that your pet has had an encounter with a wild animal, where blood or saliva has been transferred, seek medical attention from your veterinarian. If you should encounter a wild animal that is not acting normal, or is dead; we ask that you please, do not touch or try to trap the animal, but instead contact the Vermont State Police at (802) 828-1529, or (802) 828-1483 to report this to a Game Warden.

Thank you,

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