



## **RABIES NOTICE –**

## **TAKE PRECAUTIONS –**

## **AVOID CONTACT**

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MONMOUTH COUNTY REGIONAL HEALTH COMMISSION – Due to several positive results of rabies testing received by this office over the past 2 weeks, David A. Henry, Health Officer is posting this notice as a strong reminder to all the Commission’s municipalities that residents should not be interacting or handling wildlife or stray animals. If you come across a sick or injured animal, keep your distance and promptly report the sighting to your Animal Control Division\*

Please make sure all domestic animals (dogs, cats, and livestock) are currently up to date with a Rabies vaccination. Outside feeding of domestic pets, strays, feral colonies must be discouraged as it adds to the attraction of potentially rabid animals close to homes and family members. Do not let your pets run free off leash, even in the woods, to ensure they do not come in contact with wildlife that may be rabid. There is the chance that encounters may occur without anyone’s knowledge until it is too late after rabies symptoms appear.

Rabies is a fatal disease. The best course of defense is the vaccination of your pets and avoiding all contact with wildlife and strays.

**\*See attached list of [ANIMAL CONTROL BY TOWN](#)**

**(also available at [mcrhc.org](http://mcrhc.org))**

**Municipalities listed are member towns participating in the Monmouth County Regional Health Commission (MCRHC) or towns in which contracted services are provided by MCRHC.**