



County of Gloucester

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Second Skunk Tests Positive for Rabies

Gloucester County Animal Control has reported that a second skunk has tested positive for rabies in Gloucester County. On Tuesday, December 16, 2014, an Animal Control Officer responded to a call in Roaring Springs Road, north of the Court House about a skunk that was acting aggressive towards two dogs. The skunk was caught and humanely euthanized. The Gloucester Health Department was notified and the skunk was sent for rabies testing with notification received on December 18th that the skunk had tested positive for rabies. Both dogs involved had updated rabies vaccinations.

This is the second skunk that has tested positive for rabies in the same area of the county within the past week. Animal Control Officer Laura Dickie recently completed a door-to-door notification to 80+ homes for the first positive skunk case in the Cedar Lake Drive area.

Animal Control staff reminds all pet owners that rabies vaccinations are required for all dogs and cats four (4) months or older and that rabies shots do have expiration dates. For more information, please visit Animal Controls' web page on the county's website at www.gloucesterva.info or contact Gloucester Animal Control at 693-5290.

End of Announcement