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Frederick County Health Department

Public Health Alert

DATE: October 16, 2025

Health Department Looking for Man who Brought Raccoon into Care Vet Clinic on October 13, 2025

What you need to know:

- The Frederick County Health Department is asking for the public's help to find a man that had direct contact with a rabid raccoon. This young man had close contact with the raccoon which may have exposed him to rabies. A person exposed to rabies can die, so it is important to find him.
- The man was described as being White, in his late 20's or early 30's and had curly brown hair but no facial hair. He was wearing a dark blue sweatshirt that may have been plaid and either dark cargo shorts or jean shorts. His shoes were black and white sneakers, possibly Chucks.

What happened?

- A man brought a raccoon wrapped in a fleece jacket into Care Vet, located at 1080 West Patrick Street, on October 13 at approximately midnight and left without leaving his information. The raccoon was unhealthy and later tested positive for the rabies virus.

What you should do:

- If you were the man described or have information about him, please contact the Frederick County Health Department as soon as possible so he can be given treatment. Call us at 240-315-9515 between 8am and 5pm or 301-600-0312 after 5pm.

What happens next?

- Once the young man is located, he will need to speak with a Frederick County Communicable Disease Program nurse and they will provide guidance on what medical steps are needed based on their conversation.

General Actions to Take:

- If someone, or a pet is bitten or scratched by an animal:
 - Get the owner's name, address, and phone number, then call Animal Control at 301-600-1544.
 - If the animal is wildlife, consult your pet's veterinarian (if applicable) and call Environmental Health Services at 301-600-1717.
- If you have been exposed to an animal confirmed or suspected of having rabies, call Community Health Services at 301-600-3342.
- For general rabies inquiries, call Environmental Health Services at 301-600-1717.
- Visit health.frederickcountymd.gov/258/Rabies for more information.

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