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Frederick County Health Department

A message from our program:

October 21, 2025

The Frederick County Health Department would like to thank the public for their help spreading the word to help identify the man who dropped off a raccoon at a local veterinarian clinic. The raccoon was found along a road near Thurmont and later tested positive for rabies. We have made contact with the man, and he is getting treatment to prevent possible rabies infection.

We would also like to thank CARE Veterinary Center for alerting us quickly about this situation and Frederick County Animal Control for their ongoing partnership.

Raccoons having the rabies virus is common in Frederick County. So far in 2025, Frederick County has had 28 confirmed cases of rabies in animals, 14 of which were raccoons.

If you see an animal acting strange, we encourage you to contact Frederick County Animal Control at 301-600-1544 or Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) at 1-877-463-6497 rather than try to help it on your own.

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 questions, call Environmental Health Services at 301-600-1717 or visit Health.FrederickCountyMD.gov/Rabies.

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