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Frederick County Health Department

Public Health Alert

DATE: April 19, 2021

Woman Bitten by Dog on Sunday, April 18, 2021, at Ballenger Creek Dog Park in Frederick, Maryland. Seeking Owner of Two Dogs.

A woman was bitten by an unknown dog at the Ballenger Creek Dog Park in Frederick, Maryland at approximately 1:45 PM on Sunday, April 18, 2021. The victim was bitten while attempting to break up a scuffle between five dogs. Because it is unknown which dog bit her, all five are being sought for quarantine. Three dogs have already been identified. The Frederick County Health Department is requesting that the owner(s), or anyone who has information regarding the other two dogs, contact Frederick County Animal Control so the victim may avoid receiving unnecessary and expensive post-exposure rabies vaccinations.

Contact is needed to confirm the animals' health and whereabouts. Each animal will be quarantined, which can occur in the owner's home, for 10 days to monitor its health. If the animals are verified to be in good health 10 days after the bite, the victim will not need to receive the series of post-exposure rabies vaccinations, and the animals will be allowed to resume normal activity. The owner(s) or anyone who has information about the animals is asked to contact Frederick County Animal Control at 301-600-1544.

If you or someone in your family is bitten or scratched by a dog or cat, obtain contact information from the animal's owner so that appropriate action can be taken. Report bites to Animal Control at 301-600-1544. Report possible human exposure to Community Health Services at 301-600-3342. For general rabies questions, call Environmental Health Services at 301-600-1717. Visit health.frederickcountymd.gov/RABIES for more information.

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