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Woman Bitten by Unknown Dog at Route 40 Wawa in Frederick City: Seeking Owner of Dog

FREDERICK, MD – A woman was bitten by an unknown dog inside the Wawa on Baughman's Lane and Route 40 / the Golden Mile around 9:30 AM on Sunday, May 23, 2021. The dog is described as an adult Pit Bull-type, possibly a light brindle color. The dog was accompanied by an African American male, possibly named "Josh." The dog's owner left the store in a white SUV. Contact is needed with the owner to confirm the animal's health and whereabouts. If the dog cannot be located, the victim may need to receive a series of unnecessary and expensive post-exposure rabies vaccinations.

If the animal is located, it will be quarantined for 10 days to monitor its health. Quarantines usually occur in the owner's home. If the animal is 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. The Frederick County Health Department is requesting that the owner, or anyone who has information regarding the animal, 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, you should obtain contact information from the animal's owner so that appropriate action can be taken to ensure the health of the biting animal. 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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