



NOTICE

July 22, 2022

TO: Persons near Talatha Church Road and Cinnamon Road in Aiken, SC

FROM: Travis Fuss, Area Director
Midlands Environmental Affairs Aiken Office
Bureau of Environmental Health Services

SUBJECT: RABID FOX

On July 20, 2022, a fox in your area tested positive for the rabies virus. The rabid fox is now deceased.

Due to the possibility of the spread of rabies, DHEC urges you to use caution when dealing with wild or stray animals. If you have reason to believe that you, someone you know, or your pets have come in contact with this fox or another animal that potentially has rabies, please call DHEC's Environmental Affairs Aiken office at (803) 642-1637 during normal business hours (8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday) or after hours and on holidays at (888) 847-0902 (Select Option 2).

If your pet is found with wounds of unknown origin, please consider that your pet could have been exposed to rabies and contact the Aiken office. This is especially important as rabies has been confirmed in your area. Use caution when handling injured pets and avoid contact with wounds and saliva. Take any injured pet to a veterinarian so the wounds can be treated, and administration of a rabies vaccination can be discussed.

Please remember proof of rabies vaccination for pets (cats, dogs, and ferrets) is required by the South Carolina Rabies Control Act. If your pet does not have a current rabies vaccination, contact a veterinarian as soon as possible for an appointment. For more information on rabies or to find a low-cost rabies clinic in South Carolina, visit our website: www.scdhec.gov/rabies.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping to reduce the spread of rabies in your community.