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Lincoln County Rabies Case

(Lincolnton) On Tuesday, November 7th, 2023, Lincoln County Animal Services received a call about a dog that was involved in an altercation with a skunk on Shady Brook Lane in Lincolnton. On November 8th, the body of the skunk was seized and submitted to the North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health. On Wednesday, November 15th, the Lincoln County Health Department received confirmation of a positive rabies test. We recommend all pet owners ensure their indoor and outdoor animals are kept current on their rabies vaccine, and take advantage of vaccination opportunities through Lincoln County Animal Services and low-cost clinics sponsored by Helping Animals to Survive (HATS). Lincoln County residents may schedule an appointment with Lincoln County Animal Services to receive a 1-year rabies vaccination for \$7 per pet. Helping Animals to Survive (HATS) will have a FREE Rabies Vaccination and Microchip Clinic on Saturday, December 2nd from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm at Temple Baptist Church in Lincolnton. To keep yourself safe, don't approach or handle wildlife. Signs of rabies in wild animals can include abnormal amounts of aggression or friendliness, disorientation, wobbliness, circling, and excessive salivation. If you see or come into contact with a wild animal that may be sick, or is exhibiting signs of abnormal behavior, call Animal Services at (704) 736-4125 to report it.

UPCOMING HATS RABIES VACCINATION: Saturday December 2nd, 2023

Temple Baptist Church, Lincolnton
9:00 am – 2:00 pm