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For Immediate release: Rabies confirmed in fox – Waverly Avenue in Monticello

We have been advised by the Sullivan County Public Health Services that there has been rabies confirmed in a fox found in the Village of Monticello. There have been no notifications that there was human contact with the fox at this time. Residents are cautioned not to approach any wild animal, particularly any animal, wild or domestic, which exhibits signs of being ill. If you or a family member have had any contact with such an animal you should contact your doctor immediately.

Reports of suspicious animals should go to the NYS DEC at 845-256-3098
Reports of contact with suspicious animals should be made to Sullivan County Public Health Services Rabies Dept. at 845-292-5910

There is a free rabies clinic at the Monticello Fire House on Wednesday Aug. 15 from 6 to 7:30 pm. If your cat or dog has not been vaccinated it is imperative that you do so. Dogs in the Town must be licensed with proof of vaccinations. Licenses can be obtained from the Town Clerk.

The following information is from the NYS DEC Website: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/32131.html>

Rabid animals can have very different behaviors, such as:

- unusually aggressive
- tame or dazed
- excessive drooling, "foaming at the mouth"
- difficulty swallowing
- dragging the hind legs, mobility problems

Thank you and be safe.

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