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NEWS RELEASE: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE!!!!!!!!!!!!

The Hampton Health Department announced today that they have confirmed a positive case of rabies. This case involved a family dog that came in contact with a raccoon on July 6, 2014 in the Edinburgh Farms/Howe Farms area of the city off of Harris Creek Rd. The raccoon was submitted to the State Laboratory in Richmond for testing, where it was found to be positive for rabies. The dog that came in contact with the raccoon was current on its rabies shot so it will receive a rabies booster and observed for 45 days at the owner's home.

John Schellenberg, Environmental Health Manager, urges all citizens to make sure that their pets have current rabies shots. He also advises residents to not feed wild animals or leave food outside for their pets that may attract wild animals. Finally, all contact with wild or stray animals should be avoided. If you are bitten or scratched by an animal, immediately wash the wound thoroughly and contact your physician or the Health Department for further advice. If a citizen sees a sickly animal, particularly a raccoon, they should call the Hampton City Animal Control at 727-6111 and advise them of its location so they can pick up the animal. Anyone needing additional information may call the Health Department at 727-2570.

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