

MEDIA RELEASE

Charlotte, NC – Tuesday, March 8, 2022. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department’s Animal Care & Control (AC&C) was notified by our liaison with the Mecklenburg County Health Department that two-rabies alert notifications will be sent out tonight at 7:00 p.m.

The first alert will be sent to residents on or near **Bricker Drive, Charlotte, NC – 28273 zip code**. The second alert will be sent to residents on or near **Cherrybrook Drive, Mint Hill, NC 28227 zip code**. **Both alerts were for raccoons in these areas of Mecklenburg County, and both tested positive for rabies**. Each case had a domestic pet exposure (canine) and no exposures to humans. Both canines had up-to-date rabies vaccines and only needed to have a booster shot.

Please note, the two raccoons that tested positive today were NOT geographically related. The raccoons were located 17.21 miles away from each other (East to West).

If you have any questions regarding potential human exposures, please contact 980-314-9214 (Carson R. Phillips) or 980-314-9210 (Jose Pena).

This is the **4th and 5th** animals in Mecklenburg County this year to test positive for rabies.

2022

5-RACCOONS: 28215, 28226, 28227, 28207, 28273

TOTAL: 5

2021

18-RACCOONS: (2)-28226, (2)-28105, 28227, (3)-28207, 28210(2), 28209, (3)-28277, 28203, 28212, 28031, 28270

2-FOX: 28215, 28210

1-BAT: 28205

TOTAL: 21

2020

10-RACCOON: 28226, 28227, 28207, 28273, 28205, 28216, 28273, 28209, 28211

2-FOX: 28078, 28227

2-BAT: 28205, 28270

1-CAT: 28105

1-SKUNK: 28227

TOTAL: 15

2019

2-SKUNKS: 28031

8-RACCOONS: (3)28227, 28210, 28270, 28104, 28277, 282105

2-CATS: 28105, 28213

2-BAT:28078, 28202

2-FOX:28227, 28216

TOTAL: 16

2018

10-RACCOONS---(3)-28216, 28105, 28227, 28214, 28226, 28036, 28278, 28214

1-COYOTE---28078

1-FOX---28227

1-BAT--28210

1-CAT---28270

TOTAL: 14

Additional resources on the rabies virus, human exposure, and how to protect yourself:

<https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/cd/lhds/manuals/rabies/toc.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/rabies/index.html>

AC&C would like to take this opportunity to remind pet owners of the importance of keeping your pet's rabies vaccination up to date. North Carolina rabies law requires that all owned dogs, cats and ferrets must be vaccinated against rabies by four months of age ([NCGS 130A-185](#))

Additionally, AC&C offers a free monthly clinic for Mecklenburg County residents to have their pets inoculated against rabies. This clinic takes place the second Saturday of each month from 8:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. at the animal shelter located at 8315 Byrum Drive – Charlotte, NC 28217. \$10 Microchips and free pet I.D. tags are also provided at this clinic.

FREE Rabies & \$10 Microchip
Vacunas gratis contra la rabia

Monthly Public Clinic
 Clínica Pública Mensual

Animal Care & Control Adoption Center
 8315 Byrum Drive Charlotte, NC 28217



Second Saturday of each month
 Segundo Sábado de cada mes

8:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

For Mecklenburg County Residents.
 Para todos los residentes del Condado de Mecklenburg.

Bring Valid I.D.
 Traer Identificación Valida.

Must wear mask or face cover when vaccinators are working with you and your pet.
 Debe usar una máscara cuando el vacunador este trabajando con usted y su mascota.

Dogs must be on leash and cats in a carrier.
 Los perros deben ir atados y los gatos en un trasportín.

Be prepared to hold your own pet or bring someone to help you.
 Este preparado para sostener a su propia mascota o traer a alguien que lo ayude.

Must be in line by 10:45 as line stops promptly at that time.
 Debe estar en línea a las 10:45 ya que la línea se detiene rápidamente a esa hora.

Jan / enero	08	July / julio	09
2 Feb / febrero	12	Aug / agosto	13
0 March / marzo	12	Sept / septiembre	10
2 April / abril	09	Oct / octubre	08
2 May / mayo	14	Nov / noviembre	12
June / junio	11	Dec / diciembre	10

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