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DOH-Broward Issues Rabies Alert



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Fort Lauderdale, Fla.—The Florida Department of Health in Broward County (DOH-Broward) is issuing a rabies alert in Broward County in response to a confirmed case of rabies in a raccoon that was killed in the Davie area off I-595 in Broward County on September 16, 2025. Residents and visitors should be aware that rabies is currently present in the wild animal population.

People and domestic animals should always avoid physical contact with wild animals (e.g., raccoons, bats, foxes, skunks, otters, bobcats, coyotes), which carry a higher risk of human exposure and a need for rabies post-exposure treatment. If you are exposed to rabies, receiving appropriate treatment after exposure will protect you from the risk of rabies.

This rabies alert is for 60 days and includes the following boundaries in Broward County:

- **Northern boundary: Interstate 595**
- **Southern boundary: Southwest 26th St.**
- **Eastern boundary: Southwest 112th Ave.**
- **Western boundary: Southwest 148th Ave.**

Take the following precautions to prevent rabies exposure:

- Immunize your pets and livestock based on your veterinarian's recommended schedule.
- Keep pets under direct supervision and on a leash, and keep livestock secured on your property. If an animal bites your pet or livestock, seek veterinary assistance for the animal immediately and contact Animal Control Services for your jurisdiction.
- Avoid contact with wild or stray animals. Do not handle, feed, or unintentionally attract them with outdoor pet food, open garbage cans, or other sources of food. If you have been bitten or scratched by a wild or domestic animal, seek medical attention, and report the injury to DOH-Broward by calling 954-467-4700.
- Never adopt wild animals or bring them into your home; instead, contact a [licensed wildlife rehabilitator](#).
- Call your local animal control agency to remove any stray animals from your neighborhood. Contact Animal Control Services for your jurisdiction.
- Prevent wildlife, including [bats](#), from entering living quarters or occupied spaces in homes, schools, and other similar areas where they might come in contact with people and pets.

For more information on rabies, please visit [FloridaHealth.gov/Rabies](https://www.floridahealth.gov/Rabies) or contact DOH-Broward by calling 954-467-4700.

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