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RABIES ALERT

The Prince George's County Health Department is seeking the public's help in finding any persons or animals that may have had any contact with a **stray black and white cat** found in/around the **10000 Block of Campus Way South, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20774**. The stray cat was picked up by Prince George's County Animal Management Group on May 10, 2009, and on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, tested positive for Rabies.

Please contact the Prince George's County Health Department immediately at (301) 583-3750 (after 4:30 p.m. or on weekends call 240-508-5774) if you know of any persons or animals that have had any contact with the above cat. Also contact the Health Department immediately if your pet becomes sick or dies within the next six months, and you reside in the neighborhood in/around 10000 Block of Campus Way South, Upper Marlboro.

The first signs of an animal being exposed to rabies may include:

- a marked change in behavior, as in becoming unusually tame or acting extremely aggressive
- staggering
- convulsions
- frothing at the mouth
- gradual paralysis
- change in voice

All residents are advised to be aware of their surroundings and avoid contact with wild or stray animals.

RABIES ALERT INFORMATION

Rabies is a disease that is always fatal in humans once symptoms develop. To protect yourself and your family from rabies, you should:

1. Get your pets vaccinated. Maryland State and County Law requires that all dogs, cats, and ferrets must be vaccinated at four months of age and, thereafter kept current.
2. Seek medical attention and call the Police Department **immediately** if you are bitten or scratched by **any** wild or domestic animal.
3. Avoid contact with any wild or stray animals. **Warn your children not to play with or approach any unfamiliar animals.**
4. Confine pets to your home or yard. Allowing your pets to roam freely is unlawful and may result in a fine.
5. Notify the Animal Management Group at (301) 499-8300 of **ANY** sick/stray animals in your neighborhood.

PET OWNERS BEWARE: If your **UNVACCINATED** cat or dog is exposed to a rabid/suspect rabid animal or has a wound from an unknown source, the **LAW** requires that the animal be euthanized (humanely put to sleep) or put in strict isolation for six (6) months. Veterinarians are required to report such exposures to the Health Department. Keep your animal's rabies vaccination up-to-date at all times. Get your pet vaccinated, particularly if you live in/around the above listed area.

The Health Department is conducting low-cost rabies clinics for dogs, cats, and ferrets on Saturday, May 16th at Crossland High School, 6901 Temple Hill Road, Temple Hills and on Saturday, May 30th at Bowie High School, 15200 Annapolis Road, Bowie from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. For further information, please call 301-583-3782.