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Herkimer County Public Health received results on Wednesday, July 10th, 2024, that a fox from the Village of Herkimer has tested positive for rabies.

The rabid fox was killed on July 6th, 2024 by Herkimer PD after it was found behaving aggressively and attacked a dog. The same fox also may have attacked persons the previous day. It was sent to Wadsworth State Labs by Herkimer County Public Health on July 9th.

The public can protect itself and family pets from rabies by practicing the following:

1. Vaccinate your pets against rabies.
2. Spay or neuter all pets to reduce the number of strays.
3. Do not feed strays or handle unknown animals, wild or domestic.

Remind children and adults not to play with unknown animals (wild or domestic). If a bat is found in a home, and there is a possibility it had contact with a person or an animal in the house, call Public Health and we will make arrangements to have the bat tested, if necessary.

Herkimer County Public Health would like to remind the public to please check your pets' rabies vaccination records to make sure that they are up to date. If they are not up to date, make an appointment with their vet or Public Health as soon as possible to have them vaccinated against rabies. *Please call Public Health for an appointment.*

Please call Public Health at 315-867-1176, if you have any questions, or concerns. Please visit our web site www.herkimercounty.org .