

City of

HURST TEXAS

POLICE DEPARTMENT



MEDIA RELEASE

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On June 5th, 2013, a skunk was impounded in the area of Regency/Prestondale in north Hurst. The skunk was submitted to the Texas Department of State Health Services laboratory in Austin, Texas and subsequently tested positive for rabies.

Hurst Animal Services is reminding residents who have contact with wild animals to use caution and carefully observe any pets that may have contact with wild animals. Residents are advised to always keep their pets under personal control and observation when out-of-doors.

Anyone observing an animal they suspect to be rabid should avoid all contact. Common symptoms of rabies include, but are not limited to: lethargy, fever, vomiting, anorexia, full or partial paralysis, seizures, excessive salivation, aggression, difficulty breathing or swallowing, or other abnormal behavior.

Anyone believing they have observed or come in contact with an animal they believe may be rabid should contact the Hurst Police Department at 817-788-7180 or the Texas Department of State Health Services Zoonosis Control Program at 512-776-7255.

Animal contact, such as bites or scratches, may lead to exposure to rabies. Infected animals can transmit the rabies virus prior to the onset of symptoms.

Rabies present a serious health risk to humans and pets. Rabies is always fatal if left untreated. Humans who have been bitten or scratched by a rabid animal must have a series of shots to prevent becoming infected with rabies.

Vaccination of all cats and dogs is required by state law and is the first line of defense against human infection. We urge every cat and dog owner to have all of their animals vaccinated and to keep vaccinations up to date. Please contact your veterinarian for more information on rabies vaccination.

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