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**PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT**

**RACCOON TESTS POSITIVE FOR RABIES IN NORTH STONINGTON**

A **RACCOON FOUND ON CEDAR DRIVE** IN THE TOWN OF NORTH STONINGTON WAS TESTED AND FOUND TO BE **POSITIVE** FOR RABIES ON **DECEMBER 9, 2024**. THE PUBLIC SHOULD REFRAIN FROM FEEDING OR APPROACHING ANY WILD OR STRAY ANIMALS.

Rabies is a deadly disease caused by a virus that can infect all warm-blooded animals, including people. It is spread mostly by wild animals, but stray cats and dogs may also become infected and spread the virus. The rabies virus lives in the saliva and brain tissue of infected animals. Rabies can be spread by scratches from infected animals or when infected saliva comes into contact with open wounds, breaks in the skin or mucous membranes (eyes, nose, mouth, etc.)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ledge Light Health District at 860-448-4882 or the **NORTH STONINGTON ANIMAL CONTROL** at 860-287-2197.