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**PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT**

**DEER TESTS POSITIVE FOR RABIES IN WATERFORD**

A **DEER FOUND ON GUN SHOT ROAD** IN THE **TOWN OF WATERFORD** WAS TESTED AND FOUND TO BE **POSITIVE** FOR RABIES ON **AUGUST 12, 2025**.

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 unvaccinated 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.)

**DO YOUR PART!**

- Refrain from feeding or approaching any wild or stray animals
- Keep your pets up to date on their rabies vaccines
- Limit your pets unsupervised time outside

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ledge Light Health District at 860-448-4882 or the **WATERFORD ANIMAL CONTROL** at 860-442-9451.