



Grapevine
Animal
Services



NEWS RELEASE

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GRAPEVINE, TX - On Thursday, September 21, 2023, an ill-appearing skunk was located in Grapevine near Dove Road and Tumbleweed Trail. Upon testing, the skunk was confirmed to be positive for the rabies virus. This is the second rabies-positive wild animal in northwest Grapevine within a month.

Should you believe yourself, a loved one or pet to be exposed to the animal at or near the above mentioned location, you are urged to contact Grapevine Animal Services immediately. In addition to contacting Grapevine Animal Services, if you believe your pet may have been exposed, please seek immediate care from a veterinarian.

Wild animals, especially high risk vectors such as skunks, are a reservoir of the rabies virus. You can protect yourself and family by ensuring a veterinarian vaccinates your dog, cat or ferret for rabies. Keep pet animal vaccinations current. Avoid allowing pet animals to interact with wildlife. Do not feed or interact with wildlife. Teach children how to be safe around animals, domestic and wild. If you see an ill or injured wild animal in Grapevine, immediately call Animal Services at 817.410.3370 extension 2.

Signs of a rabid animal in pets or wildlife can include a change in behavior, such as a wild animal appearing "friendly" or a pet animal becoming aggressive all of a sudden. Additionally, difficulty walking, eating or drinking may be apparent.

A vaccine clinic will be held on Saturday, October 28 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Grapevine Animal Services, located at 500 Shady Brook Drive in Grapevine. This is a first-come, first-served event and the rabies vaccine, along with other core dog and cat vaccinations, will be available.

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