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FIRST CONFIRMED RABIES CASE OF 2012 RECORDED IN CATAWBA COUNTY

Catawba County's first confirmed case of rabies in 2012 has been recorded after a cat tested positive for the disease.

On January 2, 2012, Catawba County Animal Services was notified by a local veterinarian that a cat needed to be tested for rabies. The cat was sent to the State Health Lab in Raleigh for testing. The State Lab notified Catawba County on the afternoon of January 5, 2012, that the cat had tested positive for rabies.

The cat was an approximately four month old orange and white domestic, short-haired cat that resided in the Golf Course Road area of Maiden. Anyone who believes they may have come in physical contact with this cat since December 1, 2011, should notify their health care provider.

Animal Services reminds pet owners that rabies is still present in the local wild animal population and is a threat to pets and humans, year-round. The best way to protect your pets from rabies is to have them properly vaccinated for rabies.

For more information on rabies or rabies vaccinations, you may call Catawba County Animal Services at 828-464-7686.

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