



NOTICE

February 26, 2021

TO: Persons near St. Michaels Place and Lou Elec Lane in Moncks Corner, SC

FROM: Wendy Boswell, Area Director
Low Country Environmental Affairs Charleston Office
Bureau of Environmental Health Services

SUBJECT: RABID STRAY CAT

On February 25, 2021, a grey and white stray cat in your area tested positive for the rabies virus. The rabid cat is now deceased. DHEC staff have requested assistance from the local animal control team as there are other cats in the area that were part of the same group of animals. Due to the possibility of the spread of rabies, use caution when dealing with wild or stray animals. Do not approach or touch unfamiliar animals. Animal Control can be reached at 843-719-4300 for additional guidance on strays in the area.

If you have reason to believe that you, someone you know, or your pets have come into contact with this cat or another animal that potentially has rabies, please call DHEC's Environmental Affairs Charleston office at (843) 953-0150 during normal business hours (8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday) or after hours and on holidays at (888) 847-0902 (Select Option 2).

If your pet is found with wounds of unknown origin, please consider that your pet may have been exposed to rabies and contact the Charleston office. This is especially important as rabies has been confirmed in your area. Use caution when handling injured pets and avoid contact with wounds and saliva. Take any injured pet to a veterinarian so the wounds can be treated and administration of a rabies vaccination can be discussed.

Please remember proof of rabies vaccinations for pets (cats, dogs, and ferrets) is required by the South Carolina Rabies Control Act. If your pet does not have a current rabies vaccination, contact a veterinarian as soon as possible for an appointment. For more information on rabies or to find a low-cost rabies clinic in South Carolina, visit our website: www.scdhec.gov/rabies.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping to reduce the spread of rabies in your community.