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Herkimer County Public Health received lab results on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, that a skunk killed on Friday, September 2, 2022 in the Town of Newport has tested **positive for rabies**.

The skunk was trying to enter a residence and was aggressive towards humans and pets on the property. The property owner killed the skunk and submitted it via Herkimer County Public Health for rabies testing.

You can protect your family and pets from rabies by being sure to:

1. Vaccinate your pets against rabies. Upcoming clinics are listed below.
2. Spay or neuter all pets to reduce the number of strays.
3. Do not feed strays or handle unknown animals, wild or domesticated.

Remind children and adults to avoid any contact with unknown animals. If a bat is found in a house, and there is a possibility it had contact with a person or an animal in the house, call Public Health and we will make arrangements to have the bat tested, if necessary.

Herkimer County Public Health would like to remind the public to please check your pet's rabies vaccination records to make sure that they are up to date. If they are not up to date, make an appointment with their vet or Public Health as soon as possible to have them vaccinated against rabies. Herkimer County Public Health is hosting the following upcoming rabies clinics:

September 15th, 2022 at Cedarville Fire Department, 960 State Route 51, Cedarville
from 5:30 to 7 pm
October 6th, 2022 at the Little Falls Town Garage, 478 Flint Ave Ext., Little Falls
from 5:30-7 pm

Please call Public Health at 315-867-1176, if you have any questions, or concerns visit our website at www.herkimercounty.org.