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Rabid grey fox in Crown Point

Elizabethtown, NY. The Essex County Health Department (ECHD) was notified on July 25, 2023 of a grey fox and a pet dog interaction in Crown Point. The incident occurred the night before and the homeowner terminated the fox.

After consult with the health department, direction was provided for safe handling including transport to Ticonderoga Animal Hospital. They prepared and shipped the specimen to the NYSDOH Wadsworth Laboratory. This specimen returned positive for rabies today.

“All persons and pets are under medical and veterinarian care following this incident,” noted Jessica Darney Buehler, Director of Health Planning and Promotion. “Residents and visitors are discouraged from feeding or having contact with wild animals, and all pets should be properly vaccinated against rabies.”

Following the positive results, Director of Public Health, Linda Beers stated “In 2023, cases have been confirmed in four grey fox, one raccoon, and one woodchuck. “This incident is a reminder that several species of wild animals in our area can carry rabies.” noted Beers.

Visit essexcountyny.gov/health for more information about rabies and to register for free rabies vaccination clinics offered by ECHD.

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