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Second Rabid Raccoon Found in Geauga County

On August 5, 2004 a second rabid raccoon was found in Chardon Township, Geauga County. The second rabid raccoon was found very close to the first documented which was found at the intersection of Route 44 and Hosford Road. There were no human exposures regarding this case, however, a pet dog was exposed during an altercation with the raccoon.

Rabies is a communicable disease that can spill over into the human sector if such an exposure would happen. Please do not attempt to touch or feed any wild animals and have all pets properly immunized against Rabies.

The Geauga County Health District is continuing to work closely with the Ohio Department of Health, Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the United States Department of Agriculture Wildlife Division and other public health officials throughout the area. Please view our web site (http://www.geaugacountyhealth.org) for any new cases that may be found.

Please note: A summary of the Ohio Administrative Code 1501:31-15-03 states that it is illegal to live trap, move and release raccoons. Raccoons cannot be relocated.