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Additional Rabid Raccoons Found in Geauga County

On August 10, 2004 the 3rd & 4th rabid raccoons were confirmed in Geauga County. The third rabid raccoon was a road kill found on Thwing Road on the Chardon/Munson Township line. There were no human or pet exposures regarding this case.

The fourth case was also a road killed raccoon. It was found on Kile Road, Montville Township. There were no human or pet exposures in this instance either.

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 collect specimens for testing. Please contact the health district should you, or one of your pets, become exposed by any wild animal. We will be posting all new cases on our web site at http://www.geaugacountyhealth.org.

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.