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### Rabid Raccoon Found in Chardon Township Geauga County

On July 26, 2004 a road killed raccoon found in Chardon Township Geauga County was tested by the Ohio Department of Health and determined to be positive for the rabies virus. This raccoon was found at the intersection of Route 44 and Hosford Road. There were no human or pet exposures involved with this case and this comes on the heels of the positive rabies case found in Leroy Township, Lake County. All public health professionals are concerned over this case due to the fact that Rabies is a communicable disease that can spill over into the human sector if such an exposure would happen.

The Geauga County Health District is continuing to work closely with the Ohio Department of Health and Ohio Department of Agriculture and other affected health districts within the area to provide increased surveillance and future containment measures to prevent the spread of Rabies.