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## **News Release**

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### **Two More Rabid Raccoons Found in Geauga County**

On August 11, 2004, the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> rabid raccoons were verified in Geauga County. The fifth rabid raccoon was a road kill found on Wilder Road Chardon Township. There were no human or pet exposures involved with this case.

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

This case in Munson is the first south of Route 322. Contact the appropriate authorities if you see any strange acting animal(s) but make sure you keep a safe distance from it.

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.**