

# Carroll County Health Department

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## Health Department Announces Dog Found

Westminster, MD (April 5, 2018) – The Carroll County Health Department is pleased to announce that the dog that bit a person on Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> near The Cup in Westminster has been identified, thanks to quick information-sharing by concerned citizens.

Because the dog was up to date on its rabies vaccine, the person who was bitten will not have to receive post-exposure rabies shots. In cases where the biting animal is not identified and verified to be vaccinated against rabies, the bite victim must get a series of shots as a precautionary measure because rabies is almost always fatal when not treated.

Rabies is a viral disease spread through the saliva of infected mammals, usually through a bite or scratch. In Maryland, rabies is most often found in raccoons, foxes, skunks, feral cats, groundhogs, and bats. Maryland law requires all cats, dogs, and ferrets over 4 months of age to be vaccinated against rabies to protect them.

The Health Department is hosting a low-cost rabies vaccination clinic for dogs, cats, and ferrets on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 2-4 pm at the Carroll County Agriculture Center, located at 700 Agriculture Drive, Westminster. Cost for rabies vaccination is \$7.00. Vaccinations are administered by licensed veterinarians. Animals must be restrained by leash or carrier.

To pre-fill the vaccination clinic form, visit <http://cchd.maryland.gov/environmental-health-rabies-control/>. For more information on rabies, visit <https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/Pages/rabies.aspx>

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