

# Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health

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## Health Advisory

**Wednesday November 27, 2019 4:00 PM**

### **Rabid raccoon captured in the Village of Tivoli**

The Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health (DBCH) has issued a Health Advisory today regarding a rabid raccoon that has been captured in the Village of Tivoli near the intersection of Broadway and Montgomery Streets.

DBCH is available to respond to inquiries or concerns regarding potential rabies exposure(s) to people or domestic animals.

During business hours: **(845)-486-3404**

Nights, weekends and holidays: **(845)-431-6465.**

DBCH Staff will investigate and advise you of any necessary steps you should take to ensure your safety. **If left untreated, rabies is fatal in humans.**

**Do not approach non-domesticated animals. If you see an animal acting strangely, or if you, your pet, or someone you know gets bitten by, or has an open wound exposed to the saliva or nervous tissue of a domestic or wild animal, call DBCH immediately!**

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In addition, DBCH Commissioner A. K. Vaidian, MD, MPH, reminds pet owners of the importance of vaccinating all dogs, cats, and ferrets, even if they are considered “house pets” that remain indoors: “If a pet is not up-to-date on its rabies vaccination and fights with a rabid or suspect-rabid animal, the pet must be promptly destroyed or placed in quarantine for six months to protect other animals and people in case the pet develops rabies. These mandates are not required for a vaccinated pet in the same situation. In such cases, only a booster dose of rabies vaccine would be given within five days to treat the pet.”

For additional information, please see [Preventing Rabies FAQ](#), or visit our DBCH website on [Rabies and Other Zoonotics](#).