

# TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
ANIMAL CONTROL  
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## Public Health Advisory

Within the last week, the Lawrence Township Health Department was notified of a Fox on Villanova Dr in Lawrence Township acting erratically. The Fox was in contact with a neighborhood pet, therefore it was tested by the New Jersey State Health Department Laboratory and determined to be positive for rabies.

**It is important for public health reasons to determine if anyone or their pets were in contact with this Fox. Please call the Lawrence Township Health Department at (609) 844-7092 if you know of any human or domestic pet contact with a fox in the past fourteen days.**

Rabid animals are usually both vicious and aggressive ("furious" rabies) or act dazed and are partially or totally paralyzed ("dumb" rabies). They often have trouble walking and may appear to be "drunk." **People should stay away from all wild and stray domestic animals that are aggressive or appear to be sick.** Some wild animals, such as raccoons, skunks, and groundhogs, may be able to infect people even though they appear to be normal. Regardless of behavior, these animals are a part of the natural ecosystem and should be avoided.

Because rabies has been identified in the area, it is important to remind all residents of the State requirement and public health importance of vaccinating and licensing cats and dogs. Please check your pet's records to verify their rabies vaccination is current.

Please contact the Lawrence Township animal control officer at 609-844-7092. If further assistance is required, the following may also be contacted:

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609-844-7089