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RABIES EXPOSURE ALERT

Bel Air, MD – July 3, 2024- On Monday, July 1, 2024, the Harford County Health Department (HCHD) received confirmation from the Maryland Department of Health that a cat found in the Darlington area of Harford County, tested positive for the rabies virus.

Although this cat was found in the 4800 block of Conowingo Road, it may have exposed other persons and pets in the surrounding area. If you or your pets have had contact with a white and orange calico cat in the area between June 18, 2024 and June 28, 2024, please contact the Harford County Health Department at 410-877-2300 for follow up.

The Harford County Health Department would like to remind the citizens of Harford County of the following ways to protect themselves and their pets:

- 1) Always keep pets leashed when out for walks and closely monitored in your backyard.
- 2) All cats, dogs and ferrets should remain up to date on their rabies vaccinations through their vet office or local rabies vaccination clinic.
- 3) Cover trash cans and do not leave pet food outside.
- 4) Avoid feeding, petting, or interacting with wildlife in any way.

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