



# WARREN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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*Mark A. Butler, Sheriff*



## Confirmed Rabies Case in Local Feline Population

**Front Royal** — On September 14, at approximately 12:47 p.m., the Warren County Sheriff's Office responded to an Animal Control complaint concerning a possibly sick or injured feline in the Oregon Hollow Road area of Warren County. Upon the Animal Control Officer's arrival, they discovered a caged feline alongside numerous other felines on the property.

The complainant informed the Animal Control Officer that people frequently abandon felines in the vicinity. The Animal Control Officer subsequently observed signs and symptoms indicative of rabies infection in the caged feline. The affected feline was transported to a local veterinary clinic for further assessment, where the staff concurred with the Animal Control Officer's initial evaluation.

The feline was humanely euthanized and sent to the Warren County Health Department for rabies testing. On September 20, 2023, the Warren County Animal Control Officer was notified of a positive rabies test result from the submitted sample.

In response to public health concerns and under their guidance, the Warren County Health Department has issued directives for trapping and euthanizing all remaining felines on the property. The Warren County Sheriff's Office urge residents to ensure their pets' rabies vaccinations are up-to-date and to avoid contact with unfamiliar animals exhibiting unusual behavior.

For further information on rabies prevention and vaccination clinics, contact Warren County Health Department or visit their website at <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/animal-contact-human-health/rabies-control/>

For any further information, please contact Major Robert C. Mumaw