Herkimer County Public Health received results on Wednesday, September 20th, 2023, that a raccoon from the Town of Manheim has tested positive for rabies.

The raccoon was killed Monday, September 18th, after fighting with a family dog and biting a resident of Manheim, and was then sent to Wadsworth State Labs for testing on Tuesday, September 19th, 2023.

The public can protect itself and family pets from rabies by practicing the following:

1. Vaccinate your pets against rabies
2. Spay or neuter all animals to reduce the number of strays.
3. Do not feed strays or handle unknown animals, wild or domestic.

**Remind children and adults not to play with unknown animals (wild or domestic).** If a bat is found in a house, and there is a possibility it had contact with a person or an animal in the house, call Public Health and we will make arrangements to have the bat tested, if necessary.

Herkimer County Public Health would like to remind the public to please check your pet’s rabies vaccination records to make sure that they are up to date. If they are not up to date, make an appointment with their vet or Public Health as soon as possible to have them vaccinated against rabies.

Please call Public Health at 315-867-1176, if you have any questions, or concerns. Please visit our web site [www.herkimercounty.org](http://www.herkimercounty.org).