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Rabies Alert

A recent rabies incident in Columbia County has warranted a notice to residents regarding rabies awareness. The Columbia County Health Department reports a grey fox attacked 2 dogs in the Malden Bridge area. The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) began searching for the animal on Wednesday April 28, 2010 in the area of Shaker Museum road where last sighted. The fox has not been captured. Both dogs were current with their rabies vaccinations, and were administered booster shots as per protocol by their veterinarian.

The Health Department would like to remind County residents to use precaution if an animal is behaving abnormally, is unusually aggressive or friendly. Stay clear and call an animal control professional. If you are bitten by a rabid-acting animal make every effort to locate the animal and have it captured for testing. If the animal cannot be captured you should seek medical attention immediately. Exposure short of an actual bite to high rabies risk animals, such as raccoon, bats, skunks and foxes also require immediate medical attention. Any potential exposure should be reported to the County Health Department at (518) 828-3358. County residents can also limit their exposure by keeping their pets properly vaccinated.