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Rabies Alert – Rabid feral cat in Griswold, CT

A feral cat from the area of Route 201, Glasgo Road in Griswold was tested and found to be positive for rabies on January 9, 2020.

The public is reminded to refrain from feeding or approaching any wild animals.

Rabies is a deadly disease caused by a virus that can infect all warm-blooded animals, including people. It is spread mostly by wild animals, but stray cats and dogs may also become infected and spread the virus. The rabies virus lives in the saliva and brain tissue of infected animals. Rabies can be spread by scratches from infected animals or when infected saliva comes into contact with open wounds, breaks in the skin or mucous membranes (eyes, nose, mouth, etc.)”

Anyone with questions or concerns is asked to contact Uncas Health District at (860) 823-1189 or NECCOG Animal Control at (860) 774-1253.