



## Northwest Regional Police Department

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### News Release

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**The Northwest Regional Police are asking citizens to be cautious around domesticated or wild animals that appear to be lethargic. On February 2, 2009 in the area of the 300 block of N. Milton Grove Rd. in Mount Joy Township, a pet was bitten by a raccoon. The raccoon was subsequently tested by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and determined to have been infected with the rabies virus.**

**All citizens are encouraged to maintain close supervision of their children and pets when they are outdoors. If an animal is observed acting lethargic or abnormal, everyone should keep a safe distance away from the animal and notify the police immediately.**

**If one would suffer a bite from an animal, the wound should be washed with soap and warm water and medical treatment should be received as soon as possible. More information regarding the rabies virus can be obtained from the below web sites.**

<http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us/agriculture/cwp/view.asp?q=127956>

[http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/submenus/sub\\_rabies.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/submenus/sub_rabies.htm)

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