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Rabid Cat Found in Clay County

On June 16, 2010 a cat from Clay County Minnesota tested positive for the rabies virus at the North Dakota State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. The affected cat became aggressive towards other animals and bit one person. The family of five that owned the cat is all undergoing rabies post-exposure prophylaxis. There are several other potentially exposed animals that also reside at this address and are currently being investigated.

This is the fourth domestic animal that has tested positive for rabies in Minnesota in 2010. Two cows tested positive earlier this year, in Murray and Brown Counties, and one dog tested positive for rabies in Marshall County in March.

Cases such as these serve as a constant reminder to all Minnesota residents and the veterinary medical community that rabies is relatively common in wild and domestic animals in Minnesota. Rabies continues to pose a risk to animals that are not kept current with their rabies vaccinations and to people who interacted with those animals.

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