



Naugatuck Valley Health District

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! PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT !

SKUNK IN NAUGATUCK TESTS POSITIVE FOR RABIES

A skunk from the Melbourne Street area of Naugatuck was tested and found to be **positive** for rabies on October 25, 2023.

Rabies is a fatal disease of warm blooded mammals caused by a virus, most frequently spread through a bite from an infected animal. Bites are the main route of transmission because a diseased animal has the rabies virus in its saliva, and frequently will bite other animals.

There are several things you can do to protect your pet from rabies. These include making sure your pets get regular rabies vaccines, keeping pets away from wild animals, spaying or neutering pets, and calling animal control to remove stray animals from your neighborhood. Connecticut law 22-339b requires that every dog and cat three months of age or older have a current rabies vaccination. The fine for failing to vaccinate your pet in Naugatuck is \$136.00 (<http://naugatuckpd.org/divisions/animal-control>).

For more information about rabies, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/rabies>.

If you have questions or concerns, please call the Animal Control Officer at 203-729-4324 or the Naugatuck Valley Health District at 203-881-3255 x 104.

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Ansonia



Beacon Falls



Derby



Naugatuck



Seymour



Shelton