

Rabid Skunk

April 25, 2016

Public Health Alert

Re: A skunk that tested positive for rabies was found on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 in the shopping center at the intersection of E. Pusch View Lane and Oracle Road. The skunk was spotted in the parking lot at mid-morning close to Planet Fitness and Brake Masters.

At this time, there is no known human or animal contact with the skunk, but officials are not sure how long the skunk had been in the area.

If you or your pets had contact with this skunk, you should immediately notify the Pima County Health Department at (520) 724-7797.

Rabies is a disease caused by the rabies virus. People usually get rabies from direct physical contact such as a bite or scratch from an infected animal. It may take a few weeks or even a few years for people to show symptoms after being infected with rabies. However, once symptoms of rabies starts, that person or animal usually does not survive.

Protect your pets. If your cat or dog is not current on their rabies vaccinations, be sure to vaccinate them as soon as possible.

Please remember that if you see a wild animal acting unusual, do not touch it, note its location and call Pima Animal Care Center (520) 724-5900.