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## RABIES ADVISORY

DATE: AUGUST 28, 2008

**TO: ALL MILLSTONE BOROUGH RESIDENTS  
ALL WORKERS IN AREA  
FROM: HILLSBOROUGH/MILLSTONE BOROUGH HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
RE: WILD FOX**

THIS IS TO ADVISE YOU THAT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN NOTIFIED THAT THERE ARE WILD FOX IN THE AREA OF MILLSTONE RIVER ROAD AND OLD AMWELL ROAD WHERE CONSTRUCTION IS TAKING PLACE, AND THAT RESIDENTS AND WORKERS HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THESE ANIMALS.

***PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THESE ARE WILD ANIMALS AND COULD CARRY RABIES. ALTHOUGH YOUNG FOX MAY BE LEAVING DENS AND LOOKING FOR SHELTER, IT IS NOT NORMAL FOR THEM TO BE UNAFRAID OF PEOPLE. THIS COULD BE A SIGN THAT THEY MAY BE CARRYING RABIES, OR THAT THEY ARE GETTING USED TO PEOPLE. PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH THEM OR ENCOURAGE THEM TO STAY BY FEEDING THEM. IF YOU HAVE BEEN BITTEN, SCRATCHED, OR EXPOSED TO THEIR SALIVA, OR IF YOU ARE NOT SURE, CALL YOUR DOCTOR IMMEDIATELY- YOU WILL HAVE TO RECEIVE RABIES POSTEXPOSURE TREATMENT IMMEDIATELY OR THE DISEASE IS FATAL.***

RABIES IS FOUND IN THE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM OF MAMMALS- ESPECIALLY FOX, RACCOONS, BATS, SKUNKS, GROUNDHOGS, AND CAN BE CARRIED BY ANY MAMMAL. SOMETIMES, UNVACCINATED CATS AND DOGS ALSO CARRY RABIES. THE VIRUS THAT CAUSES RABIES IS FOUND IN THE SALIVA OF THE INFECTED ANIMAL AND IS PASSED VIA A BITE, SCRATCH, OR MUCOUS MEMBRANE (EYES, NOSE, MOUTH) OR OPEN CUT CONTAMINATION WITH SALIVA FROM THE INFECTED ANIMAL. ONCE SYMPTOMS BEGIN, THE DISEASE IS FATAL. POSTEXPOSURE TREATMENT MUST BEGIN BEFORE SYMPTOMS START- IMMEDIATELY.

SOMETIMES IT IS NOT EASY TO TELL WHETHER OR NOT AN ANIMAL IS RABID. THEY MAY BEHAVE AGGRESSIVELY OR THEY MAY BE VERY FRIENDLY. THAT IS WHY IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO AVOID CONTACT WITH ANIMALS YOU DON'T KNOW- ESPECIALLY WILD ANIMALS.

***PLEASE CONTACT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AT 908-369-5652 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, OR IF YOU FEEL YOU MAY HAVE HAD AN EXPOSURE THAT COULD TRANSMIT RABIES. IF THE FOXES ARE COMING TOO CLOSE TO A RESIDENCE OR CONSTRUCTION SITE, AND WILL NOT LEAVE, THEY POSE A THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH. PLEASE CALL THE STATE POLICE WHO SERVE MILLSTONE BOROUGH AT 908-725-0107, AND ST. HUBERT'S ANIMAL CONTROL AT 908-526-3330.***