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ARLINGTON, VA - On Wednesday, February 13, 2019, a **raccoon** was reported in the area of **1500 block of N. Greenbrier Street** acting lethargic. The raccoon was captured and removed from the community. It was later found to be carrying rabies.

- Rabies is a disease that people and animals can catch from the bite or scratch of infected animals. It is **fatal** if medical care is not given promptly.
- Do not approach any raccoons. Rabid raccoons may lose their fear of people and pets or become aggressive.

If you or your pet may have come into contact with this raccoon please call Arlington County's Public Health Division at 703-228-5200 and press "1" for the Communicable Disease Nurse of the Day.

If you see a raccoon that appears to be lethargic, disoriented, or aggressive please call Animal Control 24-hours a day: 703-931-9241.

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ABOUT THE ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE OF ARLINGTON

The Animal Welfare League of Arlington (AWLA) provides animal adoption and community programs to the northern Virginia and D.C. metropolitan area, as well as animal rescue and control services within Arlington County. For 70 years AWLA has remained committed to its mission to improve the lives of animals through sheltering, community services and humane education.