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## News Release

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**For Immediate Release**

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## **Cow Tests Positive for Rabies in Lee Center** *Oneida County Health Department Urges Residents to Recognize Signs of Rabies*

A cow has tested positive for rabies in Lee Center. The cow was sent today to the New York State Department of Health Wadsworth Center for testing and positive results were received. Two people were exposed to the cow and have received post exposure prophylaxis.

### **Signs of rabies include:**

- Animal acting strangely
- Animal acting mad
- Animal acting shy
- The animal may get unusually close
- Drooling or foaming from the mouth

If you see an animal, wild or stray, do not approach it and stay away. If despite your best efforts you are bit by the animal, or have come into contact with the animal's saliva, seek medical attention and contact the Oneida County Health Department to determine next steps. Rabies is a deadly disease and if you become exposed, it is vital to get appropriate care to avoid contracting rabies.

Per NYS Public Health Law, all dogs, cats and ferrets must be vaccinated by 4 months-old and then one year following the initial dose. Dogs and cats need to receive a booster dose every three years following. Ferrets must receive booster doses annually.

For the safety of pets and the convenience of county residents, the Oneida County Health Department offers Rabies Vaccination Clinics throughout the year in various community locations. There is a vaccination clinic scheduled this month:

- March 25, 2024 from 05:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Rome Kennedy Arena

To register for this clinic, visit [ocgov.net/rabies](http://ocgov.net/rabies) or call 315-798-5064. Additional vaccination clinics will be announced in the future.

For more information on rabies prevention, visit [ocgov.net/rabies](http://ocgov.net/rabies). If you have questions or are concerned about a possible rabies exposure, contact the Oneida County Health Department at 315-798-5064 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

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