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Rabid Raccoon Alert

On Thursday, August 13, 2009 Sarasota County Sheriff's Office Animal Services received a call that a raccoon had attacked a citizen's dog in the 400 block of South Shore Drive, Sarasota. The raccoon subsequently tested positive for rabies.

This is the third time in the last nine months that an attack by a rabid raccoon has occurred in this neighborhood. Residents in the area are reminded not to feed or approach wildlife and to warn children to avoid any animal that they are unfamiliar with. It is also recommended that domestic animals are vaccinated against rabies.

Any questions regarding rabies should be directed to the Sarasota County Health Department at (941) 861-2900.