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DOH-Taylor Issues Rabies Alert

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Taylor County, Fla.—The Florida Department of Health in Taylor County (DOH-Taylor) is issuing a rabies alert in Taylor County in response to a confirmed case of rabies in a fox that was killed in the area of Granthum Hill Road in Taylor County on October 25, 2026. DOH-Taylor is monitoring rabies among wild animals in the area. All residents and visitors should be aware that rabies is currently present in the wild animal population.

People and domestic animals should always avoid physical contact with wild animals (e.g., raccoons, bats, foxes, skunks, otters, bobcats, coyotes), which carry a higher risk of human exposure and a need for rabies post-exposure treatment. If you are exposed to rabies, receiving appropriate treatment after exposure will protect you from the risk of rabies.

This rabies alert is for 60 days and includes the following boundaries in Taylor County:

- **Northern boundary:** Harrison Blue Rd. (CR 361)
- **Southern boundary:** Southern Portion of Woods Creed Rd.
- **Eastern boundary:** Slaughter Rd.
- **Western boundary:** James Ln.

Take the following precautions to prevent rabies exposure:

- Immunize your pets and livestock based on your veterinarian's recommended schedule.
- Keep pets under direct supervision and on a leash, and keep livestock secured on your property. If an animal bites your pet or livestock, seek veterinary assistance for the animal immediately and contact Taylor County Animal Control at 850-838-3525.
- Avoid contact with wild or stray animals. Do not handle, feed, or unintentionally attract them with outdoor pet food, open garbage cans, or other sources of food. If you have been bitten or scratched by a wild or domestic animal, seek medical attention, and report the injury to DOH-Taylor by calling 850-584-5087.
- Never adopt wild animals or bring them into your home; instead, contact a licensed wildlife rehabilitator.
- Call your local animal control agency to remove any stray animals from your neighborhood. Contact Taylor County Animal Control at 850-838-3525.
- Prevent wildlife, including bats, from entering living quarters or occupied spaces in homes, schools, and other similar areas where they might come in contact with people and pets.

For more information on rabies, please visit FloridaHealth.gov/Rabies or contact DOH-Taylor at 850-584-5087.

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