Press Release

Subject: Bat Tests Positive for Rabies in South Woodland

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On Friday November 8, a bat on County Road 102 and Farmer Central Road in Woodland tested positive for rabies according to Solano County Public Health division. Yolo County Animal Services advises the public to seek emergency care for preventative treatment for rabies if direct contact occurs.

Bats are considered at high risk for rabies in Yolo County and should never be handled. Yolo County Animal Services urges the following precautions:

- Maintain current rabies vaccinations on all dogs and cats four months of age and older.
- Confine all pets or keep them on a leash.
- All persons, especially children, are warned to avoid all sick or injured animals.
- All stray or wild animals should be avoided, particularly bats observed during the day.
- Report all loose animals.
- Report all animal bites or scratches that break the skin or any physical contact with bats (with or without a bite) to Yolo County Animal Services.

Pets that are vaccinated act as a barrier between wild animals and humans to keep the rabies virus from spreading.

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For education programs on rabies or animal safety, or for more information, contact Yolo County Animal Services at 530.668.5287 or email animal.bite@yolocounty.org