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Plano Animal Services Reports Rabies Positive Bat

The City of Plano Animal Services has received notification that a bat in the 4600 block of Hedgecoxe tested positive for Rabies. Two dogs were exposed to the bat on Tuesday evening. When the pet owner realized it was a bat, Animal Services was immediately called out and the bat was sent for testing at the state laboratory in Austin.

Bats in particular are at a high risk of spreading Rabies. With this in mind, Animal Services would like to offer these helpful tips to prevent Rabies.

- 1) Do not touch injured, sick or dead bats. Contact Plano Animal Services at (972) 769-4360 for help.
- 2) If you or your pets have had contact with a bat, contact Animal Services immediately at (972) 769-4360. Bat bites are not always visible so do not assume that no bite occurred if you can't see a wound.
- 3) Teach children to avoid contact with bats.
- 4) Keep the Rabies vaccinations of all family pets current.