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Plano Animal Services Reports Rabies Positive Bat

The City of Plano Animal Services Division has received notification that a bat in the 1900 block of Antwerp tested positive for Rabies from the state laboratory in Austin. It is believed that no people or pets were directly exposed to the bat before Animal Services removed it.

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.