

MAYODAN POLICE



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Possible Rabid Fox

MAYODAN, N.C. — The Mayodan Police Department received a report of an individual who was bitten by a fox that was suspected of possibly being rabid. The incident occurred in the area of **Ayersville Road and Boles Street** in Mayodan on Thursday, August 20, 2026.

On Friday, August 21, 2026, the department received an additional report of a fox chasing a pet in the same area. Officers located the suspected fox, and the animal was transported to Madison Animal Clinic.

At this time, residents in the area are encouraged to use caution and avoid approaching or attempting to handle wildlife.

The Mayodan Police Department reminds the public to be alert for unusual behavior in wild animals, including:

- Unusual aggression or approaching people or pets
- An apparent loss of the normal fear of humans
- Nocturnal animals being unusually active during daylight hours
- Staggering, disorientation, difficulty moving, or other abnormal behavior

Residents should also ensure that their pets are current on their rabies vaccinations and should avoid allowing pets to come into contact with wild animals.

If you encounter wildlife displaying unusual or potentially rabid behavior, do not approach the animal. Contact Animal Control or law enforcement and provide the animal's location and a description of its behavior.

Anyone who is bitten or scratched by a wild animal should seek medical attention immediately. Rabies is a serious disease that can be transmitted to humans through the saliva of an infected animal. Once symptoms develop, rabies is nearly always fatal; however, prompt medical treatment following a potential exposure is highly effective at preventing the disease.

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