Rabid Skunk Causes a Stink in Mountain Ranch

Calaveras Animal Services reports a skunk has tested positive for rabies! Officers were called out Monday to investigate the report of a lethargic skunk off of Railroad Flat Road, in Mountain Ranch. The skunk was transported to Animal Services and euthanized, then sent to the San Joaquin Public Health Laboratory for rabies testing. The test came back positive for rabies on Wednesday. All animals at the Mountain Ranch site have been recommended to receive rabies boosters and all County agencies have been notified. If anyone believes their animal(s) may have come in contact with this skunk please contact the Animal Services office at 754-6509.

Also, if you see a wild animal that you believe is sick or injured please contact the Calaveras County Trapper at 754-6504 Ext. 3, or Calaveras Animal Services at 754-6509. To protect human health and safety wild animals should not be handled but their locations should be reported immediately. Please remember to keep your pets’ rabies vaccination up to date. This is vital for the health and well-being of your pets and family members. If your animals are not currently vaccinated please contact your veterinarian right away.

