

### RACCOON PICK-UP/DROP-OFF PROTOCOL

#### LIVE RACCOONS - NUISANCE ANIMALS:

- Contact nuisance animal trappers from the provided list or from the yellow pages.
- Medina County Health Department (MCHD) – can advise and provide information and list of nuisance animal trappers. Contact the Environmental Division at (330) 723-9523 (also see numbers listed at the bottom of this page).
- Medina County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), only if the raccoon is injured and is suffering. (330) 723-SPCA = (330) 723-7722.

#### LIVE SUSPECT RACCOONS (attempt to collect):

- Contact local law enforcement if the animal must be dispatched and animal nuisance trappers are not available. Drop off killed raccoons at MCHD during business hours (weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).
- Contact nuisance animal trappers who can humanely kill raccoons (from the list provided or from the yellow pages). They are to drop off raccoons at MCHD during business hours.
- MCHD can advise and provide educational information and the list of nuisance animal trappers. We also have a USDA-provided refrigerator for rabies non-exposure dead raccoons.
- SPCA only if the raccoon was injured and is suffering; **not for suspect raccoons**.
- USDA/Wildlife Service (USDA/WS) (330) 726-3386, 590 E. Western Reserve Road, Poland, Ohio.

#### DEAD RACCOONS – NO EXPOSURE:

- Bring raccoons to MCHD during business hours.
- Medina County Health Department has a limited staff available to pick up raccoons.

#### EXPOSURE RACCOONS (bite, scratch, or other exposure from blood or saliva to humans or pets/livestock):

- Must call Medina County Health Department to report an exposure. The animal must be collected, whether dead or alive, if at all possible. The animal must be humanely killed and tested for rabies at the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) laboratory per the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3701-3-29(B) which states:

*Whenever it is reported to the health commissioner of the health district that any other mammal that is known to transmit rabies has bitten a person, the health commissioner at his or her discretion may direct the immediate killing of said mammal by a suitable humane method. The head of said mammal shall then be submitted to the Ohio department of health laboratories for rabies examination.*

- Contact local law enforcement (may be needed to shoot an “exposure” raccoon). MCHD will send rabies specimens to ODH laboratory at no cost. (Also see OAC Rules 3701-3-28, 3701-3-29 and 3701-3-30).
- Contact Medina County Wildlife Officer: Rick Louttit (330) 644-3802 x 3208

#### HOURS OTHER THAN HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUSINESS HOURS:

- Call local law enforcement who can page the Medina County Health Department **in the event of an emergency**. Exposure animals must be collected and submitted for rabies testing at the ODH laboratory. Surveillance—even suspect raccoons—are not an emergency collection requirement.
- Do you know of anyone with a refrigerator for temporary storage of raccoons?