

### **Positive Rabies Alert in Gainesville**

June 17, 2013

This is to advise that a rabid bat has been discovered inside a residence in the Briarwood Drive area off Cleveland Highway. The bat was shipped to the Georgia Public Health Lab- Virology Section in Decatur, where it tested positive for rabies. Hall County officials were notified of the positive test on June 14. This is the fifth confirmed rabies case in Hall County this year.

Positive alert signs will be posted in the area where the rabid bat was located. If you live in this area or you see an animal acting abnormally in the area, contact Hall County Animal Services at 770-531-6830 or during non-working hours call Hall County Dispatch at 770-536-8812.

Animal owners are encouraged to vaccinate their domesticated pets for rabies. Vaccines are available at the Hall County Animal Shelter for \$10 Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 1688 Barber Rd, Gainesville.