

May 10, 2023

Dear Resident:

Since November 2022, several raccoons have tested positive for rabies in northern Carleton County, New Brunswick. To control and prevent the spread of rabies, please be advised that from May 15th – June 2nd, 2023 the Departments of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries and Natural Resources and Energy Development will conduct rabies surveillance in your area. During this time, Forest Rangers from the Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development will need to access private property to place and set live traps (Figure 1) in strategic locations baited with sardines to capture raccoons and skunks. Target animals will be removed from the property to be tested for rabies and non-target animals will be released.

If you come across any of these traps, we request your cooperation to not disturb these traps. These traps are being used to capture animals for rabies surveillance and will be constantly monitored during this time.



Figure 1. Image of a trap and label to be used during rabies surveillance

Please ensure to keep your pets (especially smaller animals, such as cats, small breed dogs, rabbits, and/or ferrets) indoors or on a leash to avoid any accidental captures of pets in these traps.

For more information, please visit www.gnb.ca/rabies and if you have any questions, please call 506-444-4589.

Thank you,
Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries
Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development
Department of Health

