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Dogs come in Contact with Javelina

Tucson AZ: The Pima Animal Care Center received two separate and unrelated reports of dogs having come in contact with javelina in this past week. In each incident the dogs were off-leash with their owners present when they were injured by the javelina.

“Two incidents within one week is highly unusual and the public is urged to take extra precautions to protect themselves and their pets,” stated Dr. Lilley, Chief of Veterinarian Services at PACC. “It is important to ensure that pets are vaccinated against rabies, and are not allowed to roam unsupervised or walk off-leash, especially in washes and remote areas.”

Both javelina and coyotes frequent washes and neighborhoods and normally steer clear of people. However, both javelina and coyotes have been known to act aggressively if confronted, especially if they have offspring present.

Animals that come in contact with wild animals are required by state law to be quarantined because of the risk for rabies. If vaccinated, domestic animals may be granted a 45-day quarantine at home. If the animal is not vaccinated, it is required to be quarantined for six-months at a veterinary clinic at the owner’s expense.

Pima County experiences a higher than average number of wild animals that test positive for rabies each year. Should your pet come into direct contact with a wild animal it is imperative to report the incident immediately to the Pima Animal Care Center for the health and safety of you and your pet. If you have been bitten, or believe to have been bitten, report the incident immediately and seek medical attention.

For additional information visit our website at: <http://www.pimaanimalcare.org/> or call 243-5900.

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