



Town of Clifton Park

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR

MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR PHIL BARRETT REGARDING RECENT FOX SIGHTINGS IN TOWN

Over the last several weeks, an increase in fox sightings has been reported throughout the Capital Region as well as within the town of Clifton Park by our Animal Control Office. I want to take this opportunity to provide residents with information on what to do in the event of a fox sighting.

If you see a fox, remember it is a wild animal. Do not approach it. Normally, foxes will run away at the sight of any human activity and should not be considered dangerous when in their own habitat (wooded areas, open fields, wetlands, etc.)

If a fox approaches you or your private property without showing signs of fear, this could indicate that the fox may be affected by a disease or virus. If you wish to report that a fox is loitering near humans and you believe it may be diseased or rabid, contact **Animal Control Officer Bill Lehman at 371-6756**.

If you have an emergency or dangerous encounter with a fox or any other wild animal, call **NYS Police at 583-7000 or the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office at 885-6761** immediately. Police will respond to the incident and will contact the town's Animal Control Office, which is on call 24 hours a day in the event of any situation involving wild animals.

Do not hesitate to contact our Animal Control Officers with concerns regarding foxes or any other wild animals that you may see in the town of Clifton Park. As always, town residents are encouraged to contact my office at 371-6651 with questions.

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