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Dog Bite: Health Department Needs Your Help Finding a Dog

Eau Claire, WI, May 13, 2024 – The Eau Claire City-County Health Department is asking for your help to find a dog that bit a man, Saturday, May 11th, 2024, at around 5:30 p.m. The bite happened at the Maple Manor hotel in Eau Claire, WI.

The dog was described to be a brown, large, Shepherd-type breed. No animal owner was seen in the area at the time of the bite. After the incident, the dog ran southeast between S Hastings Way and U.S. Hwy 53.

We need to find this dog to determine its health and rabies status. If we don't find this dog, it could bite again, and the bite victim may need to have a series of expensive injections to prevent rabies.

If anyone has information about this dog, they should contact the Eau Claire Communications Center at 715-839-4972.



Update 5/15/24: The dog involved in the bite is pictured in the above image. We're hoping to identify and speak with the dog's owner to check that the dog is up to date on their rabies shots. If the dog is not up to date on rabies shots, the dog will need to quarantine at a veterinary office for a period of time. We try to contact pet owners after an animal bite to verify their pet's rabies vaccine status; this can prevent the bite victim from needing to get expensive injections to prevent rabies.

For more information about rabies exposures and what to do if you are bitten by an animal, visit our website: <u>rabies.echealthdepartment.org</u>.

cc: Eau Claire County Communications Center