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Second Fox Attacks Hiker

(Las Cruces) – The New Mexico Department of Health is warning hikers and pet owners in the Gila National Forest area to use caution because of a wild fox that was confirmed with rabies. Residents should not approach wild animals and pet owners are encouraged to keep their pets on a leash and have their rabies vaccinations up-to-date.

A fox found at Keller Canyon located five miles west of Glenwood has tested positive for rabies. Two dogs were bitten by the fox and had to be euthanized. A second fox that was exhibiting abnormal behavior bit an individual June 19 who was walking along Catwalk Trail National Recreation Area located four miles northeast of Glenwood.

Dr. Paul Ettestad, state public health veterinarian for the New Mexico Department of Health, said fox rabies has been a problem for several decades in Arizona and it appears that it has now spread into western New Mexico. Rabies is a deadly viral disease that can be prevented but not cured.

"This should serve as a wakeup call to people that there are wild foxes in the area infected with rabies, though other wild animals could also become infected," Ettestad said. "Since pet dogs and cats that roam and hunt can come into contact with rabid animals and potentially transmit it to people, it is very important to make sure all dogs and cats are up-to-date on their rabies vaccinations."

Gila National Forest officials will be posting warning signs at trailheads in the vicinity. The following guidelines can help protect you and your family from rabies:

- Keep pets on a leash at all times. Pets should be up-to-date on rabies vaccinations and wearing current license tags on their collar. If your cat or dog has been bitten or scratched, call your pet's veterinarian, even if the wound is superficial.
- Stay away from wild or unfamiliar animals. Do not attempt to feed, approach, or touch wild animals (alive or dead). Teach this important message to your children, and keep a close eye on your kids at all times.
- If you or a loved-one are bitten by an animal, or come into contact with an animal's saliva, wash the exposed site immediately with soap and water. Be sure to report the bite to local animal control and seek medical care as soon as possible.
- If you see a sick or dead wild animal, or a wild animal acting abnormally in this area, report it to New Mexico Department of Game and Fish at (505) 532-2100. Rabid animals may show no fear of people and may even seem friendly or become aggressive.

For more information about rabies call the New Mexico Department of Health at (505) 827-0006, or visit the Department of Health website at <http://www.health.state.nm.us/epi/rabies.html>.



Dog Obedience Club of Las Cruces

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The Dog Obedience Club of Las Cruces is licensed by the American Kennel Club and is a non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of all breeds of dogs and the strengthening of the canine-human bond in our community.

Let's dish dogs!
There will be no meeting in July, we will meet again **Thurs. August 2 • 7:00 pm** at **St. Andrews Episcopal Church** 518 Alameda Blvd., 526-6333



JULY 2007 NEWSLETTER



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

AT CLASS REGISTRATION:

Pick a date and show up to one or all the dates, we'd love to see you.

6:00 pm Branigan Library
Wednesday, June 27th

classes to begin on Saturday, July 14th

6:00 pm Branigan Library
Wednesday, Sept. 12th

classes to begin on Monday, Sept. 24th



Let's dish dogs!

There will be NO MEETING in July, we will meet again Thurs. August 2, 7:00 pm at St. Andrews Episcopal Church
518 Alameda Blvd., 526-6333

We will have our general membership meeting in the choir room, which is in the northeast corner of the building, near Mountain Street, and has the tallest roof. Parking available outside the door.
Dogs on leash are welcome!

CLUB MEMBERS PAY ONLY, \$60



GET YOUR

SEMINAR DISCOUNT!

Calendar of Events!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Jean Donaldson seminar	2	3	4 10:00am Therapaws @ MMC 7:00pm DOCLC Meeting	5	6	7 10:00am Therapaws @ LCNC
8	9	10 Agility Week 4	11 10:00am Therapaws @ MMC	12	13	14 10:00am Therapaws @ Good Samaritan
15	16	17 Agility Week 5 5:00pm newsletter submission de...	18 10:00am Therapaws @ MMC	19	20 Obedience Week 1 10:00am Therapaws @ Rehab Hospit...	21
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MEET A CLUB MEMBER

Marjorie Henson

Marjorie Henson, our club secretary, has been a member of the Dog Obedience Club longer than any other current member. She joined at the tender age of 19 and except for brief periods of time when she and husband, Doug, were with the military and living elsewhere, has been an active member of the club.

Born in San Diego, Marjorie's family moved to Las Cruces when she was just 2 years old. She graduated from Mayfield High and got her degree in biology from NMSU. She married Doug Henson, also a biology major. They have one son, John, who lives in Tucson with wife Jennifer and daughter Jessica, 22 months, and son James, 5 years old.

Marjorie began her grooming business in Clovis 25 years ago when Doug was employed by the New Mexico Dept. of Agriculture as a Pesticide Specialist. She has a busy schedule with many happy clients – both 2 and 4 footed.

Her hobbies include dogs, dogs, and more dogs! She is also a confirmed garage sale junkie, enjoys reading, playing on the computer and with her kitten.

She has served the club as Historian, on the Board and as Secretary. She has taught Advanced level classes as well as assisting in all class levels.

THIS IS IT FOLKS! LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP & SEE OUR CLUB'S SEMINAR AT A DISCOUNTED RATE!
Come learn something new and catch up with old friends.
Gene Forsythe will be coming for the seminar.

**SIT.
STAY.
LEARN.**

Saturday, June 30, 2007
and Sunday, July 1, 2007
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces
(formerly the Las Cruces Hilton)
705 S. Telshor Blvd. | Las Cruces, New Mexico

“CANINE BEHAVIOR: NATURE vs. NURTURE”

JEAN DONALDSON SEMINAR TOPICS:

<p>Saturday, June 30 Execution of the Big Six Techniques in Behavior Modification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prompting and Fading • Capturing and Shaping • Differential Reinforcement of Incompatible Behavior • Negative Punishment • Rules for Development of Conditioned Emotional Response • Desensitization and Counter-Conditioning 	<p>Sunday, July 1 Evolution and Dog Behavior</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature vs. Nurture • How Evolution Works • How Genes “Make” Behavior • Evolution of Behavior • Domestication • Function of Fear • Function of Aggression • Function of Play
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DON'T MISS THIS ONE! MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!

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