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The Peninsula Health District, Williamsburg Area Environmental Health Office is looking for a **large healthy looking black and white tuxedo cat with a white strip down its' nose. This cat bit a person on January 31, 2012, in the vicinity of Cart Gate in Fords Colony in James City County.**

If this cat is not found, the victim may have to undergo post exposure treatment (shots) for the prevention of rabies. Once found, the animal will not be taken away from its owner, only placed on an in-home confinement period of 10 days. Anyone who has seen an animal that fits this description in this area is asked to contact the Peninsula Health District – Williamsburg Area Environmental Health Office at 757.253.4813. After hours, please contact James City County Animal Control at 253-1800.

Residents are reminded to report all exposures, enjoy wildlife from a distance, and make sure their family pets are vaccinated and protected against the rabies virus. Virginia state law requires that dogs and cats be vaccinated between 3 and 4 months of age and thereafter to maintain protection against rabies. Please contact your Veterinarian for further information.

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