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Rabies Exposure

For Immediate Release

On 1-30-2023, the Cooke County Sheriff's Office was notified by the State of Texas that a cow had tested positive for Rabies in Cooke County. The 10-year-old, unvaccinated cow became ill, and the owners believed it was choking or having other breathing issues. The owners, two additional assistants, and a veterinarian were all subsequently exposed to the saliva of the animal in attempts to save the cow. The cow succumbed to its exposure to Rabies and was sent to the state for Rabies testing.

The remaining herd of (39) cows, located in northwestern Cooke County, have been quarantined and vaccinated. The five humans that were affected have been and continue to receive treatment for their rabies exposure. Further testing is being conducted, but at this time it is believed that the cow was exposed to a rabid skunk which transmitted the disease.

The cattle owner, veterinarian, state authorities and the Cooke County Sheriff's Office are all working together to ensure this incident remains contained. The Cooke County Sheriff's Office encourages all animal owners to have their pets and livestock vaccinated to help combat the spread of this disease.

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