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Rockland Green Addresses Stray Kitten Incident and Urges Public Caution

On the evening of November 17, 2023, Rockland Green was informed by the Rockland County Department of Health about two quarantined stray kittens that had passed away as a result of a likely exposure to a third stray kitten with a confirmed case of rabies. The results of the rabies tests on the two stray kittens are expected to be available on Tuesday, November 21, 2023. Other than one volunteer at the Rockland Green Animal Shelter, there were no additional human exposures to these kittens.

In response to the confirmed rabies case and the risk of further exposure, Rockland Green promptly activated its rabies control protocols. Collaborating closely with the New York State and Rockland County Departments of Health, as well as other state agencies, Rockland Green and its consultant, Four Legs Good, are diligently working to trace and contain any possible spread of the virus. We remain committed to this effort.

We wish to remind the public of the potential dangers posed by stray and feral cats, including the risk of diseases like rabies. These animals should be handled exclusively by professionals. Rockland Green partners with various organizations to monitor and manage feral cat colonies. We urge anyone who encounters such colonies to contact Rockland Green at (845) 753-2200 for expert assistance.

About Rockland Green:

Rockland Green is dedicated to promoting public health and safety by managing animal-related incidents and educating the community about responsible animal care practices. We strive to maintain a safe and healthy environment for both our residents and animal populations.

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