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Rabid Dog Attacks Spartanburg Man

The Eagle Pointe Subdivision in Spartanburg county is not located in some desolate wooded area. It's actually right off Highway 9 so news that a rabid raccoon attacked someone surprised a lot of people especially the victim himself.

The victim, Tom Brandenburg says, "You should've seen the claws on that thing and the teeth."

Tom Bradenburg is describing the rabid raccoon that came out of no where and attacked him. He said he knew something just didn't seem right with the animal. "A raccoon doesn't usually doesn't come out during the daytime. "It was kind of pitiful actually, some slobbering so I knew there was something wrong with it."

Around four in the afternoon the raccoon tried to get into Tom's screen back porch, his wife immediately called animal control. But the next thing he knew the raccoon was on the loose in front of his home.

While looking for it out front, the raccoon apparently hiding under his truck attacked him and scratched his leg. Tom went inside and a few moments later a sheriff's deputy showed up and pepper sprayed the animal. When that didn't work Tom say the deputy shot the raccoon.

Tom says the main reason he went out front is the neighborhood children. Tom says with nineteen grandchildren, he knows first hand just how curious kids can be so he wanted to make sure no kid came near the 25 pound raccoon.

Now Tom must receive six rabies shots over the next five weeks. Animal control says you can't tell you have rabies until it's too late.

"If you don't take the vaccines you're going to die, it's just that simple."



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