



CITY OF STUART EMERGENCY ALERT

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City issues emergency alert notifying residents to keep their pets away from blue-green algae

Stuart, FL – Today, the City of Stuart issued an emergency alert through Martin County's Code Red system to inform residents that several dogs have become ill after being in contact with the St. Lucie River. Out of an abundance of caution, the City is recommending that pets are monitored closely while near the river to prevent accidental ingestion.

A recent canine autopsy indicated the animal had high levels of cyanobacteria in its system, including the presence of the toxin, microcystin. It is believed this was the contributing factor to the loss of the pet. As a result, the City is recommending the public continue to avoid contact with the water, including any pets or animals.

For additional information, please contact the City Public Information Officer at (772) 288-5333.

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