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Saturday rabies clinics planned in January for dogs, cats and ferrets

MOBILE, Ala. — The Mobile County Health Department provides low-cost rabies shots for dogs, cats and ferrets that are good for one year during weekend clinics. Here is a list of the rabies clinics planned for Saturdays during January in Mobile County:

- January 4, 10 a.m. to noon, Mobile County Animal Shelter, 7665 Howell's Ferry Road in Mobile
- January 11, 1:30 to 4 p.m., Pet Supplies Plus, 803 Hillcrest Road in Mobile
- January 18, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., City of Mobile Animal Shelter, 855 Owens Street
- January 25, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., B&B Pet Stop, 5035 Cottage Hill Road in Mobile

The cost of the rabies vaccine per pet is $8 at Pet Supplies Plus. The cost per pet is $10 at Mobile County Animal Shelter, City of Mobile Animal Shelter and B&B Pet Stop. All rabies shots are payable in cash.

Each month, MCHD’s Rabies Officer provides residents with low-cost vaccines for their pet dogs, cats and ferrets at a variety of locations. The state of Alabama tasks local health departments with providing affordable rabies vaccinations to pet owners. MCHD’s Rabies Officer vaccinated 174 household pets during clinics in November.

Rabies is a virus that attacks the central nervous system. It is transmitted from infected mammals to humans and is fatal once symptoms appear. Symptoms of rabies include unusual behavior, irritability, headache, fever, inability to eat or drink, balance problems, circling, seizures, coma, and, finally, death. All warm-blooded mammals, including humans, are susceptible to rabies.

In 2018, the Mobile County Health Department investigated 579 animal bite cases. To learn more about our program, visit http://mchd.org, go to “Services,” find “Disease Control” and go to “Rabies Control.”

A Rabies Quarantine Fact Sheet is available through the Alabama Department of Public Health at www.alabamapublichealth.gov/infectiousdiseases/assets/RabiesQuarantineFactSheet.pdf.

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