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

MOBILE, Ala. — The Mobile County Health Department provides low cost rabies shots for dogs, cats and ferrets during weekend clinics. Here's a list of the rabies clinics planned for Saturdays during February in Mobile County:

- February 4, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., City of Mobile Animal Shelter, 855 Owens Street
- February 11, 1:30 to 4 p.m., Pet Supplies Plus, 803 Hillcrest Road
- February 18, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., St. Elmo Feed & Seed, 9001 U.S. Highway 90 West
- February 25, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Dauphin Island Town Hall, 1011 Bienville Boulevard

The cost of the rabies vaccine per pet is \$8 at Pet Supplies Plus and St. Elmo Feed and Seed. The cost of the rabies vaccine per pet is \$10 at the City of Mobile Animal Shelter and Dauphin Island Town Hall. All rabies shots are payable in cash.

Each month, MCHD's Rabies Officer provides hundreds of 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.

About Rabies

Rabies is a virus that attacks the central nervous system. It is transmitted from infected mammals to man 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.

Exposure to rabies may be minimized by eliminating all stray cats and dogs; having pet dogs, cats and ferrets vaccinated; staying away from wild animals, especially those acting abnormally; and not keeping exotic or wild animals as pets, health officials said.

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