

March 3, 2021

Rabies clinics planned in March 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 during March in Mobile County:

- March 6 (Saturday), 1 to 3 p.m., City of Mobile Animal Shelter, 855 Owens Street in Mobile.
- March 12 (Friday), 10 a.m. to noon, Mobile County Animal Shelter, 7665 Howell’s Ferry Road in Mobile.
- March 13 (Saturday), 10 a.m. to noon, Pet Supplies Plus, 803 Hillcrest Road in Mobile.
- March 20 (Saturday), 10 a.m. to noon, Mama Reds Feed Store, 10835-B Dauphin Island Parkway in Theodore (the store is located near Greer’s Market).
- March 27 (Saturday), 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., B&B Pet Stop, 5035 Cottage Hill Road in Mobile.

In order to adhere to social distancing recommendations, these events will be drive-through clinics. The cost of the rabies vaccine per pet is \$12. 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.

In 2020, MCHD’s Rabies Officer vaccinated 1,599 household pets. There were no rabies clinics during April because of COVID-19. In January 2021, MCHD’s Rabies Officer vaccinated 208 household pets.

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 2020, the Mobile County Health Department investigated 528 animal bite cases. To learn more about our program, visit <http://mchd.org>, find “Services,” find “Disease Control” and select “Rabies Control.”

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