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Saturday rabies clinics planned in September 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 September in Mobile County:

- September 10, 1:30 to 4 p.m., Pet Supplies Plus, 803 Hillcrest Road
- September 17, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., City of Mobile Animal Shelter, 855 Owens Street
- September 24, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., B&B Pet Stop, 5035 Cottage Hill Road

The cost of the rabies vaccine is \$10 per animal, except at Pet Supplies Plus where it is \$8. All rabies shots are payable in cash.

From August 2015 through July 2016, MCHD’s Rabies Officer has vaccinated 1,983 cats and dogs.

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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