

Press Release

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Annual Rabies Vaccination Clinics

Each year, local veterinarians volunteer their time to offer low-cost rabies shots at community clinics located across Union County. This year's rabies vaccination clinics are Sunday, May 19 from 1-4 p.m at locations in Marysville, Milford Center and Raymond. Dogs and cats owners can go to one of three Union County locations to get pets vaccinated for only \$12 per pet.

Clinic locations:

- Marysville – OSU Large Animal Clinic, 16410 County Home Rd.
- Milford Center - Union Township Fire Department, 47 Railroad St.
- Raymond – Northwestern Fire Department, 21684 Main St.

No appointment or pre-registration required. Cost for vaccination at the clinic is \$12 per head (cash only) for a one-year rabies vaccine. Only dogs and cats four months of age or older are eligible for vaccination. All dogs must be on a leash and under the control of an adult.

The community rabies clinics have been operating for more than 30 years in Union County, vaccinating thousands of area animals. The clinics are made possible by the partnership of local OSU veterinarians, Union County Humane Society staff and volunteers, and the Union County Health Department.

“The goal of the annual clinic is to protect the health of both pets and people within our community,” said Adam Schultz, Director of Environmental Health for the Union County Health Department. “We are thankful for this partnership with our local veterinarians and human society who make it possible to provide this opportunity for our residents.”

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Rabies is a viral disease that affects the nervous system and is almost always fatal. It is transmitted to people when saliva from an infected animal gets into an open wound or mucous membrane by a bite or scratch. Treatment is effective only if the series of vaccine and immunoglobulin is administered shortly after the exposure, which is why Ohio law requires all animal bites be reported to the local health department within 24 hours. Health departments investigate the exposure situation, quarantine the animal or arrange to have the biting animal euthanized and sent to the Ohio Department of Health lab for testing.

For more information about the rabies vaccination clinics, please contact the Union County Health Department at (937) 642-2053.

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