

## NEWS RELEASE



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## **LOW-COST RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC OFFERED**

In Mahoning County, a rabies vaccination is required for all dogs, cats, and ferrets over 3 months of age. The Mahoning County District Board of Health is holding a rabies vaccination clinic. Cost is \$8.00 per shot (cash only) and no appointment is necessary. Pet owners must have their pets on a leash, in a cage, or carried inside a pillowcase. This is a low-cost clinic that does not include a physical examination of the animal. The veterinary staff reserves the right not to vaccinate any animal they believe to be in poor health. To receive the 3-year booster, bring proof of prior rabies vaccination on or after October 27, 2017. Without proof of prior vaccination, the pet will receive a 1-year vaccination only.

Date: Saturday, October 27, 2018Place: Mahoning County Dog Warden

1230 N. Meridian Road, Youngstown, OH 44509

• Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Rabies is ever present in wildlife. It is a preventable, potentially deadly, viral disease most often spread through bites and scratches from unvaccinated pets, strays, and wildlife. Individuals can protect themselves and their families from rabies by following these guidelines:

- Vaccinate your pets.
- Maintain control of your pets to reduce their exposure to wildlife.
- Spay or neuter to decrease the number of stray animals.
- Avoid contact with wildlife and stray animals.
- Wash any animal bite areas thoroughly and follow up with a doctor.

Costs are kept to a minimum through a sponsorship from the Mahoning County District Board of Health and volunteer services provided by Courtney O'Neill, D.V.M., Austintown Veterinary Clinic, and the Mahoning County Dog Warden.

Please see our website for more information or for our Rabies Vaccination Clinic Flyer.

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