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Annual Anti-Rabies Campaign

The annual campaign to have parish dogs and cats vaccinated against rabies is scheduled for Sunday, April 1, 2007, at 17 sites across Jefferson Parish.

For \$10 (cash only) per pet, dog and cat owners can have their animals vaccinated against the deadly virus and receive a parish pet license and collar tag for the pet. The 17 vaccination stations will be open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., no appointment necessary.

The Rabies Campaign is a joint effort of the Jefferson Parish Animal Shelter Department, the Southeast Louisiana Veterinary Association, and the Jefferson Parish School Board.

Parish and state laws require that dogs and cats be vaccinated annually against rabies, a virus that attacks the central nervous system. Rabies vaccinations not only protect pets from catching the disease from a wild animal such as a raccoon or bat, they also protect people by setting up a "vaccination barrier" between wildlife rabies and the human population.

There are other advantages to getting the yearly vaccination for pets. The rabies tag is also an identification tag. If the animal wanders off it can be traced back to its owner from the unique rabies vaccination number on the tag through records at the parish Animal Shelter. The owner of a dog or cat that is up-to-date on its vaccination faces a lesser penalty if the pet bites another animal or person or is found running at large. And, properly tagged animals who wander away from home are often treated better and are more likely to receive assistance from strangers.

The locations for rabies vaccinations on the East Bank are Maggiore School, 2501 Maine St. and Woodward Gym, 2001 34th St., in Kenner; Riverdale Middle School, 3900 Jefferson Hwy., in Jefferson; Vernon Haynes Middle School, 1416 Metairie Rd., T.H. Harris Middle School, 911 Elise Ave., Harold Keller School, 5301 Irving Dr., J.D. Meisler Middle School, 3700 Cleary Ave., and Ella Dolhonde Elementary, 219 Severn Ave., in Metairie; Harahan Elementary School, 6723 Jefferson Hwy., in Harahan; and the Little Farms gym, 10301 S. Park St., in River Ridge. On the West Bank, the locations are Gretna Park Elementary, 1130 Gretna Blvd., Gretna; Catherine Strehle School, 178 Millie Dr., Avondale; Westwego Elementary, 537 Avenue D, Westwego; Marrero Middle School, 4100 Seventh St., Marrero; Live Oak Manor Elementary, Acadia Dr. at Hale St., Waggaman; Bridge City Elementary, 1805 Bridge City Ave., Bridge City; and Fisher High School, Highway 45, Lafitte.

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