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Got Proof? It's Needed For a 3-year Rabies Pet Vaccination

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It happens every time there is an animal rabies clinic. Pet owners bring their dog, cat or ferret for a rabies vaccination and forget to bring along proof of the animals' previous vaccination. If the pet is currently up-to-date on its immunizations and the paperwork proof of initial vaccination is available, the animal would receive a vaccination good for a three year period, rather than just the initial one-year vaccination. The vaccine shot is the same – and only a \$5 donation is requested for each animal immunized.

The Munnsville Highway Garage will be the host site for the next Madison County Department of Health Rabies Vaccination Clinic. It will be held between 5PM and 7PM on Tuesday evening, July 15th.

For the safety of all clinic attendees, owners are responsible for the complete control and restraint of their animals while attending the clinics. The use of weight-appropriate leashes or cages for dogs and



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cat carriers for ferrets and cats is highly encouraged. Shots may sometimes be given while the animals remain secured in their cages.

Save time and inconvenience by locating proof of current vaccination status for your pet and bring it to the clinic. Remember that dogs, cats and ferrets should be at least three months of age to receive rabies virus vaccinations, and that all such pets must have received its initial vaccination by age four months per NYS Health Law.

Persons who lodge, feed or otherwise permit any dog or cat to remain on their property, even if considered a stray, are responsible for the compulsory vaccination of such animals per NYS Health Law. Accordingly, persons should report stray dogs to the local dog control officer and refrain from lodging or feeding feral cats.

Check your animals daily this summer for any sign of ticks and remove them immediately. For more information contact the Madison County Health Department at 315-366-2526 or check out our website at www.healthymadisoncounty.org.