

Media Release

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Low Cost Rabies Vaccination Clinics offered in September

Together with partner veterinarians and municipalities, the Health Unit is offering the community Rabies Vaccination Clinics throughout the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark Counties. **The Clinics will be held on September 11 and 18, 2012.** Check out the locations where you can get your dog or cat vaccinated against rabies: www.healthunit.org/rabies/rabies_clinics_2013.pdf.

The goal of hosting these clinics is to help provide rabies vaccinations to as many cats and dogs as possible. Your dog or cat must be vaccinated against rabies. **It's the law!**

In addition, hunters preparing for the hunting season are reminded to get their dogs vaccinated against rabies. While running in the bush, hunting dogs have the potential of interacting with wild life that may have rabies. To help protect some wild animals against rabies, the Ministry of Natural Resources has released bait in certain areas in August.

It is important that pet cats or dogs remain up-to-date with their rabies vaccination as they too could be at risk of getting rabies. **By increasing the vaccination coverage in pets we will help to minimize the potential transmission of rabies to humans.**

Rabies is a deadly disease that can be prevented. Help prevent the spread of rabies by vaccinating your pet dog or cat.

For more information about preventing the spread of rabies, contact the Health ACTION Line at 1-800-660-5853 or 613-345-5685 and ask for a public health inspector or visit www.healthunit.org/rabies or like us on Facebook at LGLHealthUnit.

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