

**Leeds, Grenville and Lanark  
District Health Unit  
Media Release**

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## **Rabies Vaccination Clinics**

Together with partner veterinarians and municipalities, the Health Unit is offering the community Rabies Vaccination Clinics throughout the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark Counties. **The Rabies Vaccination Clinics will be held on Sept 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.** To find out locations where clinics will be held, call 1-800-660-5853 or visit the Health Unit website at [www.healthunit.org](http://www.healthunit.org).

**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!** 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.**

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 releases bait in certain areas in August. Stay away from wild or stray animals. If you or any member of your family has been bitten, scratched or in contact with a potentially rabid animal, contact your local Health Unit, doctor, or go to your local emergency health care department immediately.

**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](http://www.healthunit.org/rabies) or connect with LGLHealthUnit on Facebook and Twitter.

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