



MEDIA ADVISORY

KNOX COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
140 Dameron Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917-6413

Annual rabies vaccination clinics start tomorrow

Who: Knox County Health Department and the Knoxville Veterinarian Medical Association

What: Rabies vaccinations for dogs and cats 3 months of age and older; \$10 per animal

When: Saturdays, May 7 and 14 from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

Where:

May 7, 2016

Austin-East High School
Ball Camp Elementary School
Beaumont Elementary School
Blue Grass Elementary School
Dogwood Elementary School
East Knox Elementary School
Farragut High School
Gresham Middle School
Halls Elementary School
Inskip Elementary School
New Hopewell Elementary School
Northwest Middle School
Powell High School
Rocky Hill Elementary School
South-Doyle High School
Sunnyview Elementary School
West High School
Whittle Springs Middle School

May 14, 2016

Anderson Elementary School
Bearden High School
Bearden Middle School
Brickey Elementary School
Carter Middle School
Cedar Bluff Primary School
Chilhowee Elementary School
Christenberry Elementary School
Copper Ridge Elementary School
Gibbs Elementary School
Hardin Valley Elementary School
Karns Elementary School
Mount Olive Elementary School
Norwood Elementary School
Ritta Elementary School
Shannondale Elementary School

Background:

At the vaccination clinics, all pets must be restrained. Dogs should be on a leash, and cats should be in carriers or pillowcases (a pillowcase is preferred because the vaccine can be administered through the cloth). People with aggressive or uncontrollable dogs are advised to leave the pet in the car and ask for assistance at registration.

Rabies is almost always fatal in animals and humans. If an unvaccinated pet comes in contact with a rabid animal, it can spread the disease to its human family. Additionally, Tennessee and Knox County laws require all dogs and cats 3 months of age and older to be vaccinated against rabies, a virus that attacks the brain and spinal column. If untreated, death can occur within days of the onset of symptoms.

For more information, contact Ronnie Nease at 865-215-5210 (office) or 865-755-3959 (cell).

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