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Parish President

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ANNUAL ANTI-RABIES CAMPAIGN

The annual campaign to have parish dogs and cats vaccinated against rabies is scheduled for Sunday, July 26, 2009, at the East Bank and West Bank Animal Shelters in Jefferson Parish. The shelters will be providing the vaccinations from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., no appointment necessary.

For the special low price of \$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.

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 each 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 are:

- East Bank Animal Shelter, #1 Humane Way, Jefferson, La 70123
- West Bank Animal Shelter, 1869 Ames Boulevard, Marrero, La 70072

The Rabies Campaign is an effort of the Jefferson Parish Animal Shelter Department. For further information, please contact LeeAnn Matherne, Director of Jefferson Parish Animal Shelter Department at 736-6111.

Rabies shots for pets are also offered to the public from 10:30 a.m. to noon every Wednesday for \$15 each at the West Bank Animal Shelter and the East Bank Animal Shelter.

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