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News from Your Extension Agent:

Each year Camp County 4-H and the Pittsburg Veterinary Clinic partner to host a week-long Rabies Vaccination Clinic, it is that time of year again! The 2019 Camp County 4-H Rabies Vaccination Clinic at Pittsburg Veterinary Clinic will be March 18-23, 2019. Hours are 8am-12pm and 1pm-5:30pm, Monday-Friday and 8am-12pm on Saturday.

Cost per dog or cat is \$7.00 for Rabies vaccine and \$2.00 off all other vaccinations.

Why is this important? Spring time is quickly approaching, it is important to keep health and safety in mind, as more time will be spent outdoors and not just for the humans, but for our pets as well. Prevention is key here with vaccinating our furry friends. Oftentimes a monthly preventative or annual vaccination will help an owner avoid an expensive visit to the vet for treatment of common pet diseases like Distemper, Parvo-virus and even Heartworms. In the South, certain diseases are more common due to the heat, humidity and pet overpopulation; which is why it is necessary to vaccinate our dogs and cats!

What is Rabies? It is a viral zoonotic disease affecting the central nervous system of warm-blooded animals. Rabies is spread when the saliva of an infected animal comes in contact with an opening in the skin, usually a bite or scratch. It can sometimes be transmitted through contamination of mucous membranes, although it is rare.

The most common species to transmit Rabies in Texas are skunks, bats, foxes, coyotes, and raccoons. Although we may not come in contact with these animals, our pets do!

Remember to always be cautious around wild animals. Even if a wild animal seems tame or friendly, it may actually be sick or injured. If a nocturnal animal is roaming around during daytime- be cautious and stay away. If an animal is staggering around, having trouble eating or walking, or is just in general acting out of the normal- be cautious and stay away. If a winged-animal is having trouble or unable to fly- be cautious and stay away. These are all signs that an animal is sick or injured. If your pet has been in contact with one of these wild animals and is exhibiting any of the signs listed above or is showing signs of aggression when is otherwise friendly, contact the local veterinarian immediately.

#AgFact In Texas in 2018 alone, there were over 675 cases of animals* testing positive for Rabies. In fact, one dog in CAMP COUNTY tested positive for Rabies in 2018.

* skunk, fox, bat, coyote, raccoon, dog, cat, cow, horse, other

All data and recommendations are based on Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Resources. Ag Fact from Texas Department of State Health Services.

Sincerely,
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