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Skunk Tests Positive for Rabies in Town of Vienna

Oneida County Health Department Announces 2019 Rabies Vaccination Clinics for Pets

A skunk has tested positive for rabies in the Town of Vienna. The skunk was sent to the New York State Department of Health Wadsworth Center for testing on 3/4/19, where positive results were reported today. A Vienna resident came in contact with the skunk and was immediately started on rabies Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) treatment, which is a post-exposure vaccine given over a 14-day period.

For the safety of pets and the convenience of county residents, the Oneida County Health Department offers Rabies Vaccination Clinics throughout the year in various community locations. The clinic schedule begins this month and runs through September.

The schedule is as follows:

March 22 at the Trenton Municipal Center, 6 -7:30 PM

June 6 at Boonville Fairgrounds, 6-7:30 PM

July 1 at the Annsville Highway Garage, 5-6:30 PM

July 25 at Rome Kennedy Arena, 6-7:30 PM

August 5 at the Vienna Highway Garage, 5-6:30 PM

September 10 at Back to Basics in Forestport, 6-7:30 PM

Health Department Officials offer the following vaccination recommendations:

All cats, dogs, and ferrets three months or older must have a current rabies vaccination, even if they stay indoors.

Dogs and cats need to be vaccinated at three months old, one year, and then once every three years.

Ferrets must be vaccinated every year.

At the County's vaccination clinics, dogs need to be on a leash, and cats need to be in a carrier or laundry basket. No exams will be given. Residents can pre-register for any of the clinics by calling 315 798-5064. A \$10 donation is requested to help with costs.

For more information on rabies prevention, contact the Oneida County Health Department at 315 798-5064 or log onto our web site at ocgov.net/health.