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## Oneida County Health Department Announces Upcoming Rabies Vaccination Clinic

The Oneida County Health Department will hold it's first of four Rabies Vaccination Clinics on March 27, 2020 from 6 to 7:30 at the Trenton Municipal Center. You can pre-register for the upcoming clinic by calling 315-798-5064.

Rabies is a deadly disease that affects the brain and kills both animals and humans. Animals pass the virus when the infected animal bites. Any mammal can get rabies, but bats, skunks, foxes and raccoons are most common. Without quick treatment, the rabies virus can lead to death. Fortunately, rabies is also almost 100 percent preventable for your pets if they are vaccinated. Phyllis D. Ellis, BSN, MS, FACHE, Director of Health, states, "It is extremely important to keep your pets up to date on all vaccinations especially rabies. This not only protects your pet, but it also protects you, your family and the community".

All cats, dogs and ferrets three months or older must have a current rabies vaccination, even if they stay indoors. Pets will receive a one year certificate if no prior proof of rabies is shown. Ferrets must be vaccinated each year. At the clinic, dogs must be kept on a leash and cats need to be in a carrier or laundry basket. No exams will be given. A \$10 donation per pet is requested to help with costs.

Stay tuned for future clinic dates held by The Oneida County Health Department. For questions about rabies or if you suspect a pet has been exposed to rabies, contact the Health Department at 315-798-5064. For more information on rabies prevention, visit <a href="https://www.ocgov.net/oneida/health">www.ocgov.net/oneida/health</a>.

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Save time! Pre-register for clinic dates

Call 315 798-5064

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DOGS AND CATS NEED TO BE VACCINATED AT 3 MONTHS OLD, 1 YEAR, AND THEN ONCE EVERY 3 YEARS

PETS WILL RECEIVE A 1 YEAR CERTIFICATE IF NO PRIOR PROOF OF RABIES IS SHOWN

FERRETS MUST BE VACCINATED EVERY YEAR

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