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Skunk Tests Positive for Rabies in Town of Bridgewater

Oneida County Health Department Urging Owners to Keep Pets Updated on Vaccinations

A skunk has tested positive for rabies in the Town of Bridgewater. The skunk was sent to the New York State Department of Health Wadsworth Center for testing on Monday, September 16th, where positive results were reported yesterday. The skunk was killed by resident, and no humans were exposed to it.

For the safety of pets and the convenience of county residents, the Oneida County Health Department offers Rabies Vaccinations Clinics throughout the year in various community locations. The County has already held six vaccination clinics this year, and the remaining schedule runs through October. Residents can pre-register for the clinic by calling 315 798-5064.

The schedule is as follows:

October 11, at the Sherrill Community Activity Center, from 4 to 5:30 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. 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/oneida/health.

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