

NEWS RELEASE

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LOW-COST RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC OFFERED

In Mahoning County, a rabies vaccination is required for all dogs, cats, and ferrets over 3 months of age. The Mahoning County District Board of Health is offering a rabies vaccination clinic. Cost is \$8.00 per shot (cash only) and no appointment is necessary. Pet owners must have their pets on a leash, in a cage, or carried inside a pillowcase. This is a low-cost clinic that does not include a physical examination of the animal. The veterinary staff reserves the right not to vaccinate any animal in the event the animal appears to be in poor health. A three year booster vaccination is available for pet owners who provide proof of a previous shot record that has not expired within the current year.

- **Date:** Saturday, September 23, 2017
- **Place:** Damascus Fire Department
14860 South Pricetown Road (SR 534), Damascus, OH 44416
- **Time:** 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Rabies is ever present in wildlife. It is a preventable, potentially deadly, viral disease most often transmitted through bites and scratches from unvaccinated pets, strays, and wildlife. "The Mahoning County District Board of Health provides these clinics as a coordinated effort to prevent rabies through education, awareness, and pet vaccination," said Patricia Sweeney, Health Commissioner of the Mahoning County District Board of Health.

Individuals can protect themselves and their families from rabies by following these guidelines:

- Vaccinate your pets.
- Maintain control of your pets to reduce their exposure to wildlife.
- Spay or neuter to decrease the number of stray animals.
- Avoid contact with wildlife and stray animals.
- Wash any animal bite areas thoroughly and follow up with a doctor.

The clinic is sponsored by the Mahoning County District Board of Health in partnership with Courtney O'Neill, D.V.M., Austintown Veterinary Clinic, and the Damascus Ruritan Club.

Please see our [website](#) for more information or for our [Rabies Vaccination Clinic Flyer](#).

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