Nashoba Associated Boards of Health
Environmental Health Service
30 Central Avenue, Ayer, Ma. 01432

RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINIC SCHEDULE

The Nashoba Associated Boards of Health, in cooperation with local veterinarians, will provide rabies immunizations for dogs and cats.

REMEMBER CATS MUST BE VACCINATED BY LAW

It is important that your cat(s) and dog(s) is immunized in the manner prescribed below for them to be considered protected against rabies. Since household pets provide a potential pathway for humans to contract rabies, it cannot be stressed strongly enough to make sure your pet(s) is properly vaccinated.

* Any animal receiving the rabies vaccination for the first time (regardless of the animal's age) **MUST** receive a second vaccination at least nine months and no later than twelve months after the first vaccination. After the second vaccination the animal is then protected for the time recommended by the vaccine manufacturer (one, two or three years). Any animal whose vaccination history is unknown should be treated as an animal unvaccinated and follow the procedure described in this paragraph.
* Any animal that has not received the initial two vaccinations is considered vaccinated for only one year after the date of the latest vaccination, even if the animal has been receiving a vaccination at intervals throughout the animal's life. The series of vaccinations (two vaccinations within one year) is critical for proper rabies protection.
* Any animal that has received the initial two vaccinations, nine-twelve months apart, but is currently over due for a rabies vaccination, even by one day, is considered unvaccinated until it receives its next rabies vaccination. Once this vaccination is given, it will provide protection for the animal for the length of time recommended by the vaccine manufacturer. The initial two vaccinations do not need to be repeated.
* Any animal that is not considered legally vaccinated and is exposed to rabies must be confined in isolation for three months followed by three months strict confinement (or be euthanized) according to State Regulations. This ruling by the State makes it very important that your pet be up to date with its vaccinations!

(Information provided by the Department of Food and Agriculture.)

Cats must be brought in cages or closed boxes during the last half of the clinic. The tag for 2015 will be a green bell. The charge per immunization is $15.00. Residents of Nashoba member towns may attend any of the clinics.

***PET OWNERS MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF PAST VACCINATION FOR RABIES. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN YOUR PET RECEIVING A ONE YEAR VACCINATION. ***

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The Nashoba Associated Boards of Health, in cooperation with local veterinarians, will provide rabies immunization for dogs and cats. All dogs and **cats** over six (6) months of age, not previously immunized, and those with a red heart (2012) rabies tag, must be immunized. The vaccine provided at Nashoba Clinics is effective for three (3) years for dogs and cats over one (1) year of age and currently immunized. Dogs and cats between the ages of six (6) and twelve (12) months and those who have let their immunization lapse must receive a booster within one (1) year of the initial inoculation. They are then protected for three (3) years.

ALL DOGS AND CATS MUST BE IMMUNIZED AGAINST RABIES

Cats must be brought in cages or closed boxes during the last half of any clinic. The tag for 2015 will be a green bell. The charge per immunization is $15.00. Residents of Nashoba member towns may attend any of the following clinics. All pet owners must present, to participating veterinarian, proof of current vaccination to receive a three (3) year rabies vaccination. Failure to do so will result in your pet receiving a one (1) year vaccination.

TOWN	VETERINARIAN	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Ashburnham	McTighe	Sat., 3/21	11:30-12:30pm	Municipal Grounds Bldg 8 Williams Rd
*Ashby/ Townsend	Smith	Sat., 3/14	9:00-11:00am	*West Townsend Fire Station
	Must bring copy of Rabies Cert.		***Parking in back of Fire Station***	
Ayer	Trenholm	Sat., 3/21	12:00-1:00pm	Ayer Animal Hospital 196 W. Main St.
*Berlin	Bianco	Sat., 3/28 ***CASH ONLY***	8:30-10:00am	Highway Barn 103 Carter St
*Bolton	Schafer ***CASH ONLY -Bring copy of Rabies Cert.**	Sat., 3/28	10:00am-12:00pm	Bolton Fire Station
Groton/ Dunstable	Horowitz	Sat., 4/4	12:00 -1:00pm	Groton Fire Station 45 Farmers Row
Harvard	Trenholm	Sat., 4/4	9:00-10:00am	Harvard Town Garage
*Lancaster	Bianco	Sat., 3/28 ***CASH ONLY***	10:30-12:30pm	Highway Garage 435 Centerbridge Rd
Littleton/ Boxboro	Kilgore	Sat., 3/21	1:00-3:00pm	Littleton Animal Hospital
*Pepperell	Smith	Sat., 4/4 ***CASH/CHECKS ONLY**	9:00-12:00pm	Jersey Street Fire Station
Shirley	Norelli	Sat., 3/21	9:00-11:00am	Shirley Animal Hospital