

CLIFTON HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Clifton Health Department Announces 2018 Spring Rabies Clinics for Dogs and Cats

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The Clifton Health Department will be holding its annual spring Rabies Clinics in **Clifton** on the following dates:

- **Wednesday, May 9, 2018 from 6:00pm-8:00pm (dogs)**
- **Saturday, May 19, 2018 from 10:00am-12:00pm (dogs)**
- **Wednesday, May 30, 2018 from 6:00pm-7:00pm (cats)**
- **Wednesday, May 30, 2018 from 7:00pm – 8:00pm (dogs)**

There is no cost for vaccinating dogs; there will be a \$5.00 fee for cats. These clinics will be held at a new location this year: **Clifton Fire Station #5, 51 Brighton Rd., Clifton, NJ 07012.**

The City of Clifton requires that dogs over six months of age be licensed. Dog licenses will be available to Clifton residents that need to obtain a current 2018 license. You must show proof of rabies vaccination in order to obtain a license.

An additional Rabies Clinic will be held for **both cats and dogs** in **Little Falls** on **Wednesday, May 23, 2018 from 6:00pm-8:00pm.** This Clinic will be held at **70 Sindle Ave., Little Falls, NJ 07424.** Licenses will be available for Little Falls residents who need a 2018 license.

As a reminder, dogs must be on a leash and cats must be in a carrier when they are brought to Clinics. These Clinics are open to all New Jersey residents

The NJDOH recommends revaccination of dogs and cats prior to expiration of the previous vaccination. Some animals may need to be revaccinated before the duration of immunity expires in order to qualify for re-licensure. Administering a rabies vaccine before the duration of immunity of a previous vaccination has expired is not associated with an increased occurrence of adverse reactions in dogs.

Ongoing prevention of rabies is an important public health measure. Rabies is a zoonotic disease, one that can be transmitted from animals to humans. Any warm blooded animal can contract, carry and transmit rabies. Almost all human cases of rabies were fatal until 1865, when a vaccine was developed by Louis Pastuer and Emile Roux. Recorded human deaths in the United States have dropped from 100 or more in the early 20th Century to one or two per year.

Rabies in cats has accounted for 90 percent of the domestic animal cases in New Jersey since 1989. For the last 5 years there has been an average of 16 cats infected with rabies annually. In that same period since 1989, the most cases have been found in raccoons (5484) and skunks (1068).

Please call the Clifton Health Department at 973-470-5760 or the Township of Little Falls at 973-256-0170 for more information.

The Clifton Health Department is a contractual health agency serving the Township of Little Falls.
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