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BUTTE COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL CO-SPONSORING LOW COST RABIES CLINIC

BUTTE COUNTY, Calif. — On Thursday, September 27, 2012 the Butte County Public Health Department is co-sponsoring a low cost rabies vaccination clinic with the North Valley Veterinary Medical Association. The clinic will be held at the Butte County Public Health Department in Chico located at 695 Oleander Ave. between the hours of 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

Rabies vaccinations are available for **\$6.00 (cash only)**. **Other vaccines will be available at an additional cost.** In addition to County dog licensing, the City of Chico Animal Control will be there to provide licensing for dogs who reside in the city limits.

It is estimated that every year 30,000-40,000 U.S. residents are potentially exposed to rabies, requiring human rabies post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP). When left untreated, rabies in humans is almost always fatal. However, it is also 100% preventable.

“In general, pets have a higher risk of coming into contact with wild animals that may have rabies than we do,” states Linda Haller, Animal Control Program Manager. “Cats and dogs that have not gotten their rabies shots that are exposed to rabies must be quarantined for six months or euthanized, because of their risk of getting rabies after the exposure. To help reduce this risk it’s very important to keep rabies vaccinations current for all cats and dogs.”

Although the majority of rabies cases occur in wildlife, most humans are exposed to the virus as a result of an encounter with an infected domestic animal. Keeping your pets current on their rabies vaccination is the primary means of helping to prevent rabies in humans and domestic animals.

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