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**BUTTE COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ANNOUNCES
LOW COST RABIES CLINIC TO COINCIDE WITH
WORLD RABIES DAY 2011**

BUTTE COUNTY, Calif. — On September 28, the Butte County Public Health Department Animal Control is participating in a low-cost Rabies Vaccination Clinics co-sponsored by the North Valley Veterinary Medical Association, City of Chico Animal Control and the Butte Humane Society. The goal of the clinics is to vaccinate more pets in Butte County and raise awareness about the importance of rabies prevention and control. The rabies clinic will coincide with World Rabies Day, a global rabies awareness and prevention campaign.

The clinic will be held in **Chico** at the following location and time:

Butte County Public Health Department
695 Oleander Avenue
Wednesday, September 28
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Rabies vaccinations are available for **\$6.00 (cash only)**. **Other vaccines will be available for an additional cost of \$12.00.** Butte Humane will provide microchipping for \$10.00 and dog licenses will also be available. Checks will be accepted for licenses.

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. "Rabies prevention starts with the animal owner", advises Phyllis Murdock, Public Health Director. "We recommend that people vaccinate dogs, cats, and any other animal that has regular contact with humans, such as horses."

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 pets, including cats and dogs, up-to-date on vaccinations, is a primary means of helping to prevent rabies in humans and domestic animals.

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For more information on World Rabies Day visit www.worldrabiesday.org.

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Butte County Public Health Department

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