



PRESS RELEASE

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SARATOGA COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER: PRACTICE HEAT SAFETY FOR PETS DURING HEATWAVE

Reminds Pet Owners to Take Heat Precautions if Attending Rabies Clinic Tuesday

BALLSTON SPA, NY – The Saratoga County Animal Shelter is reminding pet owners to practice heat safety during extreme weather and urges those who will attend its free rabies vaccination clinic on Tuesday, June 18, to take precautions and to arrive during designated times only so pets are not outside longer than necessary.

Heat Safety for Pets:

- Pets can get dehydrated quickly. Any time your pet is outside, make sure they have a shaded area for protection from heat and sun, and plenty of fresh, cold water.
- Don't take pets for walks during the hottest parts of the day. Limit exercise on hot days and stay off pavement - it can quickly burn your dog's paw pads.
- Know the symptoms of overheating: extreme panting or difficulty breathing, increased heart rate, excessive drooling, glazed eyes, deep red or purple tongue, dizziness or lack of coordination, vomiting.
- Never leave your pet in a hot car, even with the windows down or for only a few minutes.
- If you have a pet suffering from heatstroke, move them into the shade or an air-conditioned area. Then, apply cold towels or ice packs to their head, neck, and chest. Otherwise, run cool (not ice-cold) water over them. Also, let them consume minor amounts of cool water or lick ice cubes. Call your veterinarian.

Rabies Clinic Information:

- Time schedules are strictly enforced for the safety of all animals.
- Do not arrive early to limit the time your pet is waiting outside.
- All animals must be contained with a proper restraint device as described below and must be at least three months old.

- All vaccination certificates are written for one year unless prior proof of vaccination is provided. Owners must bring proof of prior vaccine to receive a three-year certificate for their animal.

Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Location: 4-H Training Center, 556 Middleline Road, Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Times & Requirements:

Cats: 5:30-6:30 PM *Must be in a carrier*

Ferrets: 5:30-6:30 PM *Must be in a cage or carrier*

Dogs: 6:30-7:30 PM *Must be on a leash*

Cost: Free, however monetary donations are accepted

For more information, please call the Saratoga County Animal Shelter at 518-885-4113 or visit www.saratogacountyanimalshelter.com.

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