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Madison County Announces 2021 Schedule of Drive-Up Rabies Clinics

Madison County Health Department is offering its first 2021 Drive-Up Rabies Vaccination Clinic **by appointment on Saturday, April 24th from 10 am to 1 pm at the Madison County Highway Garage at 139 North Court Street in Wampsville.**

Madison County residents may schedule their pet's appointment online at healthymadisoncounty.org. Advance appointments are required and are limited to 200. Pets will not be vaccinated without an appointment.

"We look forward to continuing to offer drive-thru clinics that are convenient and less stressful for pets," said Environmental Health Director Aaron Lazzara.

- **Only pet owners with appointments will be allowed to participate.** Do not arrive more than 10 minutes early for your appointment time or you may be asked to wait.
- A face covering must be worn by all persons in the vehicle.
- Pets **MUST** be properly restrained using a leash and collar, harness, cage or pet carrier.

Vaccinations are free to Madison County residents. Voluntary donations of \$5.00 per pet are appreciated to help defray clinic costs. Please bring the exact amount for your donation, as clinic staff will not make change at drive-thru clinics.

Proof of previous vaccination is required to qualify for a three-year certificate. Proof of previous vaccination to be shown through closed vehicle window or submitted within 5 days after the clinic. Participants will receive their pet's rabies certificates by email.

Public health law requires all dogs, cats and ferrets to be vaccinated by 4 months of age. A second vaccination must be given within one year of the first, and pets must be actively immunized against rabies thereafter. This typically requires a booster vaccination every three years for dogs and cats, and annually for ferrets.

For assistance with appointment scheduling, call 315-366-2526 (Monday-Friday 8:00 am-4:00 pm).

Go to Madison County Health Department's rabies webpage to schedule an appointment and to view the complete list of 2021 clinics: <https://www.madisoncounty.ny.gov/440/Rabies-Clinics>

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