



## NEWS RELEASE    Mobile County Health Department

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### **Mobile County Health Department schedules rabies clinic**

The Mobile County Health Department has scheduled a rabies clinic for Saturday, March 27, at B & B Pet Stop, 5035 Cottage Hill Rd., from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost of the shots will be \$8 per pet.

#### **Rabies and its symptoms**

Rabies is a virus that attacks the central nervous system. It is transmitted from infected mammals to man and is fatal once symptoms appear. Symptoms of rabies include unusual behavior, irritability, headache, fever, inability to eat or drink, balance problems, circling, seizures, coma, and, finally, death. All warm-blooded mammals, including man, are susceptible to rabies.

#### **Preventing the spread of rabies**

Exposure to rabies may be minimized by eliminating all stray cats and dogs; having pet dogs, cats and ferrets vaccinated; staying away from wild animals, especially those acting abnormally; and not keeping exotic or wild animals as pets.

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