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Mobile County Health Department schedules April rabies clinics

The Mobile County Health Department has scheduled the following rabies clinics for April:

- Saturday, April 3, at Speedy Mart, 3261 River Rd. in the Fowl River community, 1 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 10, at Pet Supplies Plus, 803 Hillcrest Rd., 1:30 p.m.-4 p.m., and at American Legion Hall, Highway 45 in Citronelle, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Saturday, April 17, at City of Mobile Animal Shelter, 855 Owens St., 1 p.m.-3 p.m.
- Saturday, April 24, at Mobile County Animal Control, 7665 Howells Ferry Rd., 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.

The cost of the shots at the American Legion Hall in Citronelle on April 10 will be \$10 per pet and will enable pets to receive a three-year vaccination one year later. The cost at the other clinics 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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