



## NEWS RELEASE Mobile County Health Department

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### **Mobile County Health Department schedules August rabies clinics**

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

- Saturday, Aug. 7, at Mobile County Animal Control, 7665 Howell's Ferry Rd., 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 14, at Pet Supplies Plus, 803 Hillcrest Rd., 1:30 p.m.-4 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 21, at City of Mobile Animal Shelter, 855 Owens St., 1 p.m.-3 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 28, in the Georgetown community at mile marker 16 on Byrd Cemetery Road, which is off Lott Road, 8 a.m.-noon.

The cost of the shots will be \$8 per pet except at the Aug. 21 clinic where the cost will be \$10 payable in cash.

### **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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