ATTENTION: All Animal Owners

Rabies is on the rise in Colorado. This virus affects the nervous system of mammals, causing a fatal inflammation of the brain and spinal cord. Infected mammals carrying the virus transmit rabies through their saliva by biting an animal or human. Less commonly, rabies can be transmitted through open cuts, eyes, nose or mouth when in contact with an infected animal.

Help protect our environment by encouraging all owners to vaccinate their pets.

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<td>Vaccinate your pets for rabies through your local veterinarian, humane society, or animal shelter.</td>
<td>Educate family, friends and neighbors not to allow their dogs or cats to roam freely. Teach children to enjoy wild animals from a distance. Never feed or handle wildlife even if they appear friendly.</td>
<td>Take additional precautions when camping, hunting or fishing. Avoid sleeping on the ground without the protection of a closed tent or camper. Keep your pets on a leash and do not let them wander.</td>
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Rabies Prevention

- **VACCINATE YOUR PET.**
- **ENJOY WILD ANIMALS FROM A DISTANCE.**
- **NEVER LEAVE PET FOOD IN YOUR YARD.**
- **DO NOT FEED, TOUCH OR PICKUP WILD ANIMALS.**
- **TEACH KIDS NOT TO HANDLE INJURED ANIMALS.**
- **NEUTER YOUR PETS TO DECREASE STRAYS.**
- **REPORT STRAY ANIMALS TO THE BROOMEFIELD POLICE ANIMAL CONTROL UNIT.**
- **IF YOUR PET GETS BITTEN, REPORT THE BITE TO YOUR BROOMEFIELD ANIMAL CONTROL AND PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITIES.**

Healthy Pet Resources

**Broomfield Animal Services**
- Non-emergency: 303.438.6400
- Emergency: 911

**Local Veterinarians**
- Animal Doctor: 303.466.8888
- Arrowhead Animal Hospital: 303.469.1616
- Aspen Animal Hospital: 303.469.1846
- Aspen Arbor: 303.423.6021
- Broadlands Vet Clinic: 303.410.8522
- Broomfield Vet Hospital: 303.466.1764
- Broomfield Meadows Veterinary Hospital: 303.404.3636
- Laurel Vet Clinic: 303.469.5363

**ID and License**
If you do not receive a Rabies tag from a local vet, once vaccinated, you can obtain a FREE Broomfield Rabies tag by contacting the Community Assistance Center: 303.469.3301

**Reporting Animal Bites**
- Broomfield Animal Control: 303.438.6400

**General Information**
- COHELP: 1.877.462.2911
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: www.cdc.gov

City and County of Broomfield Ordinance: 6-16-010 Rabies inoculation and registration required; applicability.

(A) It is unlawful for any person to own, keep, harbor, or possess any dog, cat, or ferret over the age of three months which has not been inoculated against rabies with a rabies vaccine approved by the United States Department of Agriculture and administered by a veterinarian licensed by the State of Colorado, and which has not been registered with the city as required by this chapter.

(B) The owner acquiring any dog, cat, or ferret shall have the animal inoculated against rabies and registered with the city within thirty days after acquiring the animal, or within thirty days after the animal attains the age of three months, whichever occurs last, and shall have the animal so vaccinated and registered thereafter as set forth in this chapter.