

Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission

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FREE Rabies Vaccination for Cats & Dogs

Rabies is caused by a virus which can infect both people and animals. It is virtually always fatal. While most rabies cases in the state have been in wild animals such as raccoons, skunks and foxes, cats are also a relatively common victim of rabies. These cases can pose a significant threat to unvaccinated domestic animals, which can contract the virus from wild animals and transmit the infection to humans.

Rabies vaccination is being provided at no charge for domestic cats and dogs by the Bridgewater Health Department, in collaboration with Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission. The vaccine is provided by the NJ Department of Health. Cats must be transported in a carrier and all dogs must be leashed. The clinic will be:

Saturday, November 20 9:00 am to 10:30 am Finderne Fire Department 672 E Main St, Bridgewater

In addition, residents are reminded to take these rabies prevention measures:

- Immediately report a bite from a wild or domestic animal to the health department
- Immediately report any wild animal showing signs of unusual behavior
- Be sure all family pets and agricultural animals are up to date on their rabies vaccinations
- Animal-proof home and yard
- Do not feed or handle wild animals
- Avoid contact with stray animals or pets other than your own
- Try to prevent your pets from coming into contact with wild animals
- Screen off vents to attics and other areas that could provide shelter for bats
- Call the health department if you find a bat in your home

