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FIVE-DOLLAR RABIES VACCINATIONS AT BAKER COMMUNITY CENTER

~Come By on May 28th to Protect Your Pets Against Rabies~

OKALOOSA COUNTY – The Florida Department of Health in Okaloosa County and the Panhandle Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) have partnered to offer five-dollar rabies vaccinations on Thursday, May 28, 2015, from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. The clinic will be located at the Baker Community Center at 5503 Highway 4 in Baker, Florida. Microchips will also be available for fifteen dollars. All animals must be on a leash or in a pet carrier.

“A special thank you to PAWS and their veterinarians for partnering with us,” said Dr. Karen Chapman, Director of the Florida Department of Health in Okaloosa County. “This is a community effort to bring pet owners into compliance with the law, while providing protection against a deadly disease that continues to cause public health concerns.”

Rabies is a deadly viral disease that can be prevented, but not cured. The virus attacks the brain of warm-blooded animals, including people. Even if you consider your dog, cat, or ferret to be an indoor pet, it is important that your pet receives a rabies vaccination.

In 2014, the Health Department investigated 892 domestic animal (dogs or cats) bites or scratches to other domestic animals or humans. Of those investigated, only 50% were current on their rabies vaccination. The only acceptable proof of vaccination for an animal bite investigation is documentation of the vaccination from a licensed veterinarian.

For more information on this five-dollar rabies vaccination event, visit www.HealthyOkaloosa.com or call 850-689-7859.

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