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Low-Cost Rabies Vaccination Clinic

Champaign County Medical Reserve Corps to Host a Low-Cost Rabies Vaccination Clinic

Champaign, IL – On Saturday, November 4, 2017 the Champaign County Medical Reserve Corps (CCMRC) will host a low-cost rabies vaccination clinic for the surrounding community and their pets. This event will take place in the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District (CUPHD) garage located at 201 West Kenyon Road, Champaign, IL, from 10am-1pm.

This event offers an opportunity for dog and cat owners, who may not otherwise be able to provide vet care, a more affordable option. Services will include the county rabies registration and vaccination, administered by veterinarian volunteers. Also, educational outreach regarding zoonotic diseases will be provided throughout this event. Before an animal receives their rabies vaccination, multiple stations will be set-up around the designated area addressing different types of diseases that can potentially affect animals and their owners. The cost of the rabies vaccination plus the county registration fee ranges from \$15 - \$36. Up to 75 pre-registered individuals are guaranteed a spot. Walk-ins are welcome and will be seen after those who are registered.

The CCMRC is housed within the CUPHD and prides itself on its volunteers who provide outreach regarding diseases, practice intake and administer vaccinations, and implement low-cost vaccination clinics to assist with community preparedness and resiliency. The CCMRC connects with the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) mission by creating a core of volunteers, medical and non-medical, to serve and support local health care system functions.

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Rabies is a very dangerous virus that is transmissible through the saliva of animals. Anyone can be affected if handling or bitten by animals possessing rabies. The CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) reports that annual turnover of approximately 25 percent in the dog population necessitates revaccination of millions of animals every year. Rabies kills more than 55,000 people worldwide with associated costs estimated to be more than \$300 million in the U.S. alone. CUPHD and CCMRC are working to conduct this vaccination clinic in order to prevent and protect the safety and health of not only the animals, but the humans that interact with them as well.

This opportunity would not be possible without the assistance from the University Of Illinois College Of Veterinary Medicine.

To register, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/low-rabies-vaccination-clinic-tickets-39264374802>. For more information, contact Robert Davies at 217-531-2932.

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