



Kitchener-Waterloo Humane Society  
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## Humane Society Aims To Protect Community From Rabies

### *Low-Cost Rabies Clinic is a Reminder to Vaccinate*

**Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, Date** – The Kitchener-Waterloo Humane Society in partnership with the Region of Waterloo Public Health and Ren’s Pet Depot have teamed up to help keep our communities rabies free by holding a low-cost rabies clinic this month.

Rabies is a disease that we all need to be aware of. It is a viral disease that attacks the central nervous system of warm-blooded mammals. The virus is carried in the saliva of infected mammals and can spread to humans and their animals through a bite, scratch, cut or contact with the moist tissues of the mouth, nose and eyes.

The rabies threat is growing rapidly with new cases being reported regularly in Southern Ontario. According to Dr. Laurel Gale of AWASCO, “the re-emergence of rabies in our region is a serious public health concern that could potentially threaten the health and lives of both our pets and families.”

Although the last case of human rabies in Canada was in 2014, it is a fatal disease. Dog bites are responsible for 99% of all cases of rabies affecting humans. Keeping dogs and cats vaccinated is a simple and effective way to stop the spread of rabies. In Ontario, **it’s the law**.

The Kitchener-Waterloo Humane Society and the Waterloo Region Health Unit ask that you save the date for this low-cost rabies vaccination and microchip clinic for cats and dogs scheduled for:

Date:	Saturday, November 18, 2017 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Location:	250 Riverbend Drive, Kitchener, ON N2B 2E9
Cost:	\$20 Vaccination, \$20 Microchip, \$30 Both
Note:	First come, first serve and wait times are to be expected

Cats and dogs must be over 3-months of age. Dogs must be leashed and cats must be in a carrier. It is also recommended that pet owners check with their veterinarian before attending to make sure their animal is due for a rabies vaccine. For more information about these clinics, call the KWHS at 519-745-5615.

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