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## Low-Cost Rabies Vaccinations, This Weekend

**OKALOOSA COUNTY** – The Okaloosa County Health Department and the Miracle Strip Veterinary Medical Society have partnered to offer low-cost rabies vaccinations this Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, from 8 am – 12 pm. Four local veterinary clinics will offer \$10 walk-in vaccinations:

<b>Friendship Veterinary Hospital</b>  623 Beal Pkwy NW Ft Walton Beach	<b>Emerald Coast Animal Hospital</b>  350 E Miracle Strip Pkwy Mary Esther	<b>Bayside Hospital for Animals</b>  251 Racetrack Rd NE Ft Walton Beach	<b>Niceville Animal Clinic</b>  509 E John Sims Pkwy Niceville
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At the clinics, all animals must be on a leash or in a pet carrier.

Dr. Karen Chapman, Director of the Okaloosa County Health Department commented, “A special thank you to Dr. Zorn and the Miracle Strip Veterinary Medical Society for partnering with us for this event. Their involvement will allow owners to affordably keep their pets safe and healthy.”

If your dog, cat, or ferret is not current on the rabies vaccination, please take advantage of this event. 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 a “house pet,” it is important that the pet receives a rabies vaccination. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the most important way to protect your family and pets from rabies is by keeping your pets’ rabies vaccinations up to date, even for indoor pets. The majority of rabies cases occur in wildlife, though domestic animals can become infected when bitten by rabid wild animals.

For more information on the “Protect Your Pet for \$10” rabies vaccination event, visit [www.HealthyOkaloosa.com](http://www.HealthyOkaloosa.com).

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