

Information about Holding a Rabies Vaccination Clinic (RVC)

Although rabies is not treatable and fatal once clinical signs are present, it is **preventable**. The rabies vaccination clinics provide protection for humans and animals from the severe consequence of rabies infection by vaccinating animals that would otherwise not be inoculated. The clinics are intended to be held in rural communities and low income urban areas that lack accessible veterinary care. The MBAH works with local veterinarians and shelters using on the RVC Scheduling Form and then provides vaccine, tags, certificates, and syringes for the clinic. The following steps will help in scheduling a RVC in your area:

Step 1

Provide the MBAH information from the RVC Scheduling Form **at least two weeks** before the clinic.

Step 2

It is recommended that the local hosts of the RVC get involved in publicizing the clinic or ask local civic groups to distribute flyers. This has resulted in the most successful clinics.

Step 3

Vaccine, syringes, and rabies certificates will be sent the week of the clinic to the address(es) indicated on the Scheduling Form. The veterinarian will need to provide the rabies tags.

Step 4

Bring money to make change and have someone experienced in holding animals available to assist.

Step 5

Charge \$5.00 per vaccination. Three dollars of each inoculation is for the Veterinarian and \$2.00 per inoculation should be returned with remaining supplies to replenish materials used for the clinics.

A copy of the rabies certificate should be given to the owner of the animal.

A copy of the rabies certificate should be retained by the Veterinarian.

A copy of the rabies certificate should remain in the book.

Step 6

At the end of the clinic, the Veterinarian can write a check to the MBAH for the supplies and retain the remainder. Remaining supplies can be sent back to:

Mississippi Board of Animal Health

P.O. Box 3889

Jackson, MS 39207

Notes:

It is recommended that all notices give instructions that the animals should arrive on a leash or in a carrier. If a restrainer is required, the Veterinarian must provide one.

The MBAH does its best to ensure that clinics are not scheduled back-to-back or by multiple offices on the same day (unless desired).

Any problems with the clinics should be reported first to Brigid Elchos, DVM (601-953-3800). If Dr. Elchos is unavailable, please call Chris Smith (601-359-1170).