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## **BLAKEMAN ANNOUNCES FREE RABIES VACCINATION CLINICS FOR DOGS, CATS, AND FERRETS**

**MINEOLA, NY:** In an effort to protect our pets and prevent the spread of rabies, Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman and Nassau County Department of Health are partnering with the Town of Oyster Bay and Town of North Hempstead to offer free rabies vaccinations for dogs, cats and ferrets. Open to all Nassau County residents, the vaccination clinics will be held on:

**Saturday, September 17th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Town of Oyster Bay Animal Shelter located at 150 Miller Place in Syosset**

**Saturday, October 1st, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Town of North Hempstead Animal Shelter located at 75 Marino Avenue in Port Washington**

"I am excited to partner with Town of North Hempstead Supervisor Jen DeSena to offer a free Rabies vaccination clinic for Nassau pets." **said Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman.** "This clinic will provide an excellent opportunity for residents to come out, make sure their pets are safe and up to date with their rabies vaccinations to stay protected!" Blakeman continued.

"Rabies vaccination for dogs, cats and domesticated ferrets is required by New York State law," **said Health Commissioner Dr. Irina Gelman.** "Making sure your pet has an up-to-date rabies vaccination eliminates the need for them to be euthanized or strictly quarantined for six months in the event your pet comes in contact with animals that are known to carry and transmit the virus. To protect your family and your pets, please

check their rabies vaccine status and if not up-to-date take them to their veterinarian or one of the rabies vaccine clinics in Nassau County this fall.”

It is recommended for dogs, cats, and ferrets older than four months to receive their first two shots one year apart and additional booster shots every three years thereafter. Dogs must be on a leash at all times and cats and ferrets must be in enclosed carriers.

For more information, contact the Town of Oyster Bay Animal Shelter at (516) 677-5784 or the Town of North Hempstead Animal Shelter at (516) 869-6311.

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