



BRYAN COUNTY TO HONOR THREE-YEAR RABIES VACCINATIONS STARTING IN 2019

BRYAN COUNTY, GA – December 13, 2018 – Bryan County pet owners will soon have fewer trips to the veterinarian to schedule. Beginning Jan. 1, 2019, the county will recognize 1- and 3-year rabies vaccinations and registrations, depending on age and vaccine status of the animal. Pet owners will talk to their veterinarians about their animals' needs, age, health and a variety of other factors to determine which vaccine is appropriate.

While the 3-year vaccine is more expensive, it is only needed once every three years. Pet owners will be paying more only because the shot's immunity lasts longer, not because the preventative medication itself is going up in price.

According to Georgia state law, all dogs, cats and ferrets must have a rabies vaccination. Vaccinations are an important part of all pets' preventative health care. To provide them with the best possible protection, animals need to be vaccinated while they are still young. Rabies and other infectious diseases can be very serious and even fatal, especially in puppies and kittens.

"Bryan County is pleased to start recognizing the 3-year rabies vaccine and registration," said Bryan County Director of Animal Control Skip Youmans. "This vaccine ensures pets stay protected longer, and we always want to encourage precautionary safety for them. Plus, it should make things a little easier on pet owners."

Bryan County Animal Control provides care for homeless animals, pet adoption services and enforcement of the animal control laws in Bryan County, Georgia.

For more information, please visit <https://www.bryancountyga.org/government/departments-a-g/animal-control>, or call 912-459-6515.

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