

ANIMAL CONTROL NEWSLETTER

TOWN OF STERLING - SEPTEMBER 2016

RABIES INFORMATION

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The Animal Control Officer wants to remind Sterling residents about the importance of keeping your domesticated pets updated on their rabies shots! Massachusetts state law requires that all dogs be licensed, and requires proof of rabies vaccination prior to licensing. Also, if your dog or cat runs off and returns with a wound of unknown origin, there is a required minimum automatic six month quarantine period. A worst case scenario would require euthanizing your pet. Even indoor cats and small dogs can sneak out the door when you least expect it. Leaving your dog tied up outside while you are at work, or relying on an underground fence system is not a good idea because the dog cannot protect itself from wildlife that could be sick or dangerous. Rabies is transmitted through contact with an infected animal's saliva, usually through a bite, scratch or through contact with an infected animal's nervous tissue (brain and spinal cord). Animals that pose the greatest risk for transmitting rabies include: raccoons, skunks, woodchucks, foxes, coyotes, bats and stray domesticated animals.

MICRO-CHIP INFORMATION

It is very important all dog owners make sure their dogs micro-chips are registered with complete and updated information!

The Sterling ACO does have a micro-chip scanner which reads all chips. Without charge, he will gladly check your micro-chip registration details and/or confirm micro-chip registration information.

Interested persons can call: 978-422-7331 and request to speak to the ACO for an appointment. Also, be aware that when getting a micro-chip put in your dog's neck area make sure you ask your veterinarian, "Is the micro-chip readable by all micro-chip scanners?" A good chip that is readable by all micro-chip scanners is the brand name MICROFINDR.

REMEMBER! if the animal control officer of sterling picks up your domesticated pet and it does have a micro chip but it is not registered this will make it very difficult to find the animal owner. It could be in a emergency situation so please remember to register the micro chip.

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TOWN OF STERLING
RABIES AND MICRO-CHIP CLINIC

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2016
ALL TOWNS ARE WELCOME!



LOCATION:

VCA STERLING ANIMAL HOSPITAL
Formerly known as STERLING VETERINARY
CLINIC
4 CLINTON ROAD (RT. 62)
(978) 422-6262

CHECK OR CASH ONLY

8:00 am – 9:00 am CATS IN CARRIERS

9:00 am – 10:00 am DOGS ON LEASHES
PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE!

RABIES VACCINE: \$12.00 PER ANIMAL

RABIES VACCINES ADMINISTERED ARE GOOD
FOR ONLY ONE YEAR FROM 10/1/2016

**TO QUALIFY FOR THREE YEAR STATUS,
PROOF OF A PRIOR RABIES VACCINATION
MUST BE PROVIDED.**

**.NO EXAMS WILL BE PERFORMED.
RABIES VACCINE ONLY!**

MICRO-CHIP: \$48.50 PER ANIMAL

VCA STERLING ANIMAL HOSPITAL WILL BE
USING

HOME AGAIN MICROCHIPS. THIS CHIP IS
UNIVERSALLY RECOGNIZED BY ALL ISO
COMPLIANT MICROCHIP SCANNERS AND
INCLUDES LIFETIME REGISTRATION. VCA
STERLING ANIMAL HOSPITAL WILL PROVIDE ALL
OF THE REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT:
LOUIS MASSA,
STERLING ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER (ACO)
AT: 978-422-7331

Some of the "Animal Control Advisory
Board" members from the Town of
Sterling will be at the Rabies/Microchip
clinic helping out and to answer any
questions residents may have!





