

## **RABIES CLINICS**

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Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission is offering a rabies clinic in December to assure availability of free rabies vaccines for our cat and dog owners. The clinic will be held:



**December 4, 2021  
9:00 am to 10:00 am  
Watchung Fire House**



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Rabies is caused by a virus that can infect both people and animals. It is virtually always fatal. While the majority of rabies cases in the state have been in wild animals such as raccoons, skunks and foxes, cats are also a relatively common victim of rabies. These cases can pose a significant threat to unvaccinated domestic animals, which can contract the virus from wild animals and transmit the infection to humans.

In addition, residents are reminded to take these rabies prevention measures:

- Immediately report a bite from a wild or domestic animal to the health department (*so post-exposure treatment can begin immediately if needed*)
- Immediately report any wild animal showing signs of unusual behavior
- Be sure all family pets and agricultural animals are up to date on their rabies vaccinations
- Animal-proof home and yard
- Do not feed or handle wild animals
- Avoid contact with stray animals or pets other than your own
- Try to prevent your pets from coming into contact with wild animals
- Screen off vents to attics and other areas that could provide shelter
- Call the health department if you find a bat in your home
- License your pets

**For more information, please contact the Health Commission at 732-968-5151.**