

RABIES CONTROL

Known since 2000 BC, the word, “rabies” means “rage”, or “madness” in Latin. Rabies is not a disease of humans by nature, rather of animals. Dogs account for 99% of the human deaths from rabies worldwide, over 59,000 a year.

Here in North Carolina, wild animals such as the raccoon, fox, bat and skunk are the primary victims and carriers of the disease and infections in people are now rare, but it wasn't always like this.

In 1908 in North Carolina, 20 dogs and 1 cat tested positive for rabies. By 1935, 899 dogs, 59 cats and 41 cows tested positive along with 8 people in that time span. After many years of enacting rabies and animal control laws along with improvements in animal vaccines, 2 dogs, 17 cats and 5 cows were found to be rabid in North Carolina in 2010. Human infection is now very rare.

Rabies infects wildlife, who infect domestic animals, such as pet dogs and cats, who in turn can infect people. By vaccinating dogs and cats against rabies, the cycle of transmission to humans is fractured, protecting you and your pets.

Rabies is a virus which is “shed” through the saliva of an infected animal. Rabies always kills its host once symptoms occur. Any bite from any animal should be washed immediately with warm water and soap, the animal isolated, and your doctor contacted. Report the bite by calling 911. Humans can receive a post exposure treatment but wild animals and unvaccinated pets are euthanized and tested with few exceptions.

Vaccinated pets who are exposed must be revaccinated within 5 days and unvaccinated pets may have the opportunity to be quarantined for 6 months at the owner's expense at a veterinary facility. The easiest, healthiest, least expensive, and smartest thing to do is simply vaccinate our pets.

**1 YEAR RABIES VACCINATIONS
AT THE ANIMAL SHELTER
\$10**



HOURS - LOCATION

HOURS

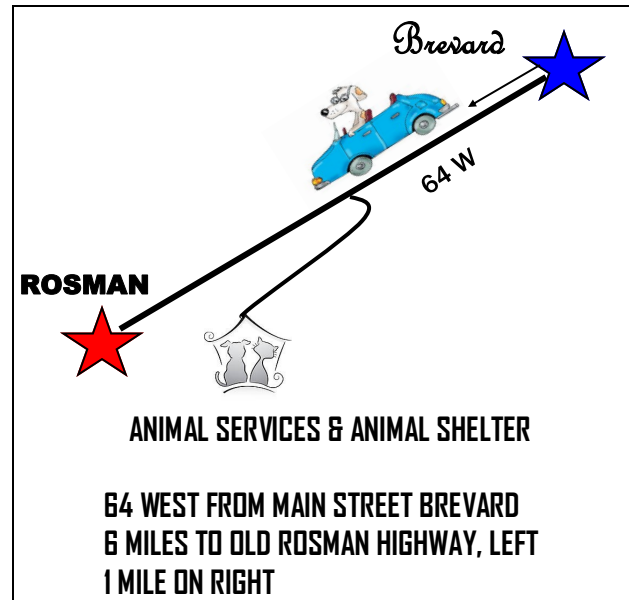
SUNDAY-MONDAY - CLOSED
TUESDAY - FRIDAY 10AM - 5:30 PM
SATURDAY 10 AM - 4 PM

PHONE 828-883-3713

FAX 828-883-2567

EMAIL: AnimalServices@TransylvaniaCounty.org

LOCATION



If you are visiting with your pet, please be sure it is up to date on vaccinations. Animal Shelters receive animals from all areas and many conditions who can carry a multitude of diseases that may expose your pet!

TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY

ANIMAL SERVICES

**1124 OLD ROSMAN HIGHWAY
BREVARD, NC 28712**

828-883-3713

PROTECTION - SHELTERING

The Animal Shelter serves as a central location where pets can be housed safely until their owner or adopter arrives. All animals receive a safe, clean place to recover, to receive first aid and possibly, a new home. The Animal Shelter is an open admission facility that accepts all species of animals.

Animal Services is partnered with several animal rescues, domestic violence agencies, schools, wildlife and various other agencies, if Animal Services can not help you we may know where you can find assistance.

Animal Services offers humane euthanasia for those animals that are suffering due to age, terminal illness or serious injury. Please call for more information regarding shelter services.



PET ADOPTION

Over 250,000 animals enter North Carolina animal shelters each year. Transylvania County admits approximately 1,200 animals annually. Most of these animals leave the animal shelter with their owners or to a new home. All adopted dogs and cats are spayed or neutered prior to leaving the animal shelter. An application and a deposit is made, the pet undergoes spaying or neutering and then scheduled to go home the next Wednesday!

	DEPOSIT	ADOPTION	TOTAL
DOGS	\$55	\$55	\$110
With Microchip	\$70	\$55	\$125
CATS	\$45	\$45	\$90
With Microchip	\$60	\$45	\$105

Visit PetFinder.com or visit the animal shelter!

ANIMAL CRUELTY - NEGLECT

All animals are protected from neglect and intentional cruelty by State and local laws. All animal owners are required to supply adequate food, constant water, shelter from adverse conditions, and veterinary care to avoid conditions detrimental to the animal's health to avoid suffering.

Animal Services accepts anonymous reports of animal neglect and cruelty.

ANIMAL REGULATIONS

The State of North Carolina, Transylvania County and the City of Brevard have laws pertaining to animals. Violation of these laws results in warnings, fines and court appearances.

These laws can be found at the Animal Services office (animal shelter), by request and online at the official county or city websites.

Owners of any species of animal must control and take care of their animals and are responsible for the animal's actions.

LEASH LAW - ANIMAL NUISANCE

The most important and most effective law in curtailing injury to people and animals, property damage, and the control of disease is a "leash law".

Both County and City jurisdictions have a leash law. Simply put, the leash law states an animal must remain on the owner's property and when off of the property it must be restrained and controlled by a physical tether, or "leash". Livestock are no exception and must remain on the owner's property and physically controlled when off of the property.

In very rural areas, some animals roam. However, when they arrive on another's property they can become a nuisance, destroy property, become injured, and the owner subject to enforcement measures.

Fines for nuisance, or leash violations begin at \$50 and graduate to \$500 for repeat offenders.

DANGEROUS DOGS

The County and the City of Brevard also enforce a Dangerous Dog regulation. A Dangerous dog is one that has demonstrated one or more of the following:

- off of the owner's property
- Inflicted a bite that requires hospitalization
- Inflicted severe injury or killed other animals
- Approached a person in an apparent attitude of attack

Fines for violation of Dangerous Dog regulations begin at \$500 and may involve criminal charges.

Keeping your dog on your property, neutered, socialized and under control avoids most Dangerous Dog problems.

FEES FINES DONATIONS

PET ADOPTION

Dog \$110

Cat \$90

Add \$15 for a microchip.

RABIES VACCINATION \$10

1 year duration

IMPOUND FEE \$10

Assessed per animal if an officer impounds your pet

BOARD FEE \$15/NIGHT

It is best an animal return home to its owner. Not charging for the first night gives an owner time to find the pet.

1st night No Charge

FINES

Leash Law violation \$50 up to \$100

Nuisance violation \$50 up to \$100

Animal Cruelty \$500

Interference with Officer \$500

Tampering with equipment \$100

DONATIONS

Animal Services accepts donations for the animals. Donations are very much appreciated and all financial and in-kind donations go towards the care of animals.

THE ANIMAL SHELTER IS ALWAYS IN NEED OF:

Feed (Canned and Dry)

Toys

Stuffed animals (please no beanies, they can injure.)

Towels, sheets, small beds

Chewies

Collars, harnesses

Extend-a-leashes

Bleach

Crates, carriers

Portable fencing

Zip lock baggies

Shoe Boxes for disposable kitty beds