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## **Animal Welfare Association Offers Vaccine Clinics To Protect Pets Against Viral Diseases Like Rabies**

AWA raises awareness of its Vaccine Clinics in honor of World Rabies Day on September 28

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Voorhees, NJ – According to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](https://www.cdc.gov/disease/), over 250 cats and up to 70 dogs in the United States are reported rabid each year – and almost all of them are unvaccinated. Animal Welfare Association (AWA) recognizes the importance of rabies awareness and offers regular Vaccine Clinics to help protect domestic animals against preventable diseases like rabies.

Usually transmitted by a bite from an infected animal, rabies is a deadly disease caused by a virus that attacks the nervous system. There is no treatment for rabies after symptoms appear and the virus can result in a pet's death within weeks.

"Fortunately, we have vaccines to prevent our pets from contracting rabies," says Maya Richmond, executive director at AWA. "To do our part AWA offers Vaccination Clinics where healthy pets can receive their core vaccines and routine tests."

The Vaccine Clinic at AWA offers a one-year rabies vaccine without proof of previous vaccination and a three-year rabies vaccine with a certificate as proof of previous vaccination. Other vaccinations offered at AWA's Vaccine Clinics include the Lyme, bordetella, leptospirosis and distemper vaccines.

AWA offers Vaccine Clinics on Mondays, Tuesdays and select Saturdays. Walk-ins are welcome at the upcoming Saturday clinics on Oct. 2 and 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. In an effort to reduce wait times, Monday & Tuesday clinics are appointment only.

For more information on rabies awareness or to make an appointment for a Vaccine Clinic, visit [awanj.org/pet-wellness-vaccine-days](http://awanj.org/pet-wellness-vaccine-days) or call 856-424-2288.

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**Animal Welfare Association**, a private, non-profit, 501(c)3 animal welfare organization, serves the people and animals of southern New Jersey. AWA is dedicated to eliminating animal suffering, promoting the importance of the human-animal bond, and improving the role of animals in the wellbeing of people. Through a variety of programs including adoptions, veterinary services, pet therapy, and humane education. AWA is South Jersey's leader in progressive companion animal care.

