

Free Rabies Shot Program coming in January 2013

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The Bergenfield Health Department will conduct its annual rabies vaccination programs for cats and dogs on Tuesday, January 15th, 4PM to 6PM and Tuesday, January 22nd, 6PM to 8PM at the Department of Public Works Garage. The DPW garage is located directly behind the Bergenfield Borough Hall at 198 North Washington Avenue. All dogs must be leashed and cats should be in an approved animal carrier for their safety.

Dogs and cats may be vaccinated as early as three months of age and **MUST** be re-vaccinated within one year after the animal's initial immunization. After that, the animal is required to be revaccinated every three years.

For your convenience, dog and cat licenses will be renewed at the rabies program as well. Your animal license **CANNOT** be renewed if your rabies shot expires in 2013 and it will not harm the animal to have it done early at these programs.

Residents who received notification that they may have unlicensed pets as a result of the 2012 dog/cat census, this is the perfect opportunity to get your pet licensed. Just bring along a valid rabies certificate if you have one.

If you miss the program, Bergenfield contracts with the Bergen County Animal Shelter in Teterboro (201-646-3200) to give free rabies shots to dogs and cats (typically twice a month). Further questions can be directed to the Bergenfield Health Department at 201-387-4055 Ext. 5.