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First FREE Rabies Clinic of 2020 to be held in Canton

Canton, NY— The St. Lawrence County Public Health Department is hosting the first free rabies clinic of 2020 on Saturday, February 15th from 10am to 12pm inside the main lobby of the Canton Human Services Building located at 80 State Highway 310, Canton. Every dog, cat and ferret 3 months or older is required to be vaccinated—this includes pets who normally do not go outside.

Pre-registration is required for this clinic as appointments are limited! Participants are asked to **arrive** at the time of their **scheduled appointment**, not before, to help make the onsite clinic process run efficiently. The pre-registration link is: <https://www.health.ny.gov/gotoclinic/45> and is now open!

Last year, the County vaccinated 3,093 pets thanks to the 26 free clinics held in partnership with a variety of towns and villages. Rabies is a preventable viral disease if your pet is up to date on their rabies vaccine. Any animal bitten or scratched by either a wild, carnivorous mammal or a bat can transmit rabies. The rabies vaccine will protect your pet for three years. Dogs and cats receiving their first rabies vaccine will need a booster in one year. Please bring your **CURRENT RABIES CERTIFICATE** (not your rabies tag) if you have one, as this is the proof of vaccination.

For help with pre-registration, please call the Public Health Department at 315-386-2325 and a staff member will assist you. The pre-registration link for the February 15th, 2020 clinic can be found on our website at: <https://www.stlawco.org/Departments/PublicHealth/PublicHealth> or on the Public Health Facebook page @SLCPublicHealth.

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